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P R E F A C E .

In the following reprint, care has been taken to copy the originally printed Journals with entire accuracy, correcting, of course, errors evidently typographical. To save room, however, lists of names, &c., originally printed in columns, are frequently thrown into running lines. Where the same document is printed in two or more Journals, it is not repeated after the first. A proper *reference*, however, is inserted in its place in subsequent Journals.

Notice is taken in the first Journal of a "recommendation of the General Convention held in this City on the 6th and 7th of October, 1784." In explanation, the following extract is given from Bishop White's Preface to Bioren's edition of the Journals of the General Convention:—

"In pursuance of preceding correspondence, there assembled some of the Clergy of New York, of New Jersey, and of Pennsylvania, in the city of New Brunswick, New Jersey, in May, 1784. And there being a few respectable Lay Members of the Church attending on public business in the same city, their presence was desired. The immediate object of the meeting, was the revival of a charitable corporation, which had existed before the Revolution; clothed with corporate powers, under the government of each of the said three Provinces. The opportunity was improved by the Clergy from Pennsylvania, of communicating certain measures recently adopted in that State, tending to the organization of the Church throughout the Union. The result was, the inviting of a more general meeting in the ensuing October, at the City of New York: that being the time and place, wherein, according to the charter of the above mentioned corporation, their next meeting should be held. It was accordingly held, for the revival of the corporation: and there appeared Deputies, not only from the

said three States, but also from others; with the view of consulting on the existing exigency of the Church. The greater number of these Deputies, were not vested with powers for the binding of their constituents: and therefore, although they called themselves a Convention, in the lax sense in which the word had been before used, yet they were not an organized body. They did not consider themselves as such: and their only act, was the issuing of a recommendation to the Churches in the several States, to unite under a few articles to be considered as fundamental.

“The articles referred to are as follows:—

“1. That there shall be a General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

“2. That the Episcopal Church in each State, send deputies to the Convention, consisting of Clergy and Laity.

“3. That associated congregations, in two or more States, may send deputies jointly.

“4. That the said Church shall maintain the doctrines of the Gospel, as now held by the Church of England; and shall adhere to the liturgy of the said Church, as far as shall be consistent with the American revolution, and the constitutions of the respective states.

“5. That in every State, where there shall be a Bishop duly consecrated and settled, he shall be considered as a member of the convention *ex officio*.

“6. That the Clergy and Laity, assembled in convention, shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately: and the concurrence of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

“7. That the first meeting of the Convention shall be at Philadelphia, the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Michael next; to which it is hoped and earnestly desired, that the Episcopal churches in the respective States will send their Clerical and Lay Deputies; duly instructed and authorized to proceed on the necessary business, herein proposed for their deliberation.”

JOURNALS, ETC.

FIRST CONVENTION.

PROCEEDINGS OF A CONVENTION

OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On Wednesday, June 22d,

1785.

Present:

From Trinity Church, New York, the Reverend Samuel Provoost, the Reverend Mr. Beach, Reverend Mr. Moore, Honourable James Duane, Marinus Willet, and John Alsop, Esquires.

From the united parishes of Jamaica, Newtown, and Flushing, on Long Island, the Reverend Mr. Bloomer, Mr. Charles Crommeline, Mr. Daniel Kissam, Mr. Joseph Burrows, Mr. John Johnson.

From Staten Island, the Reverend Mr. Rowland, and Paul Micheau, Esquire.

From New Rochelle, Mr. Andrew Fowler.

From Ulster and Orange counties, Mr. Joseph Jarvis.

From Dutchess county, Mr. John Davis.

The Reverend Mr. Provoost was elected President, and the Reverend Mr. Moore, Secretary.

This State Convention having associated agreeably to the recommendation of the General Convention held in this city on the 6th and 7th of October, 1784, proceeded to take into consideration the matters recommended by the said General Convention ; thereupon

Resolved, That three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, be appointed to represent the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, in the General Convention which is to be held at Philadelphia on the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Michael next ; and that any one or more of each order form a quorum.

Resolved, That the Reverend Mr. Provoost, Reverend Mr. Beach, and Reverend Mr. Moore, of the Clergy ; and the Honourable James Duane, Daniel Kissam, and John Davis, Esquires, of the Laity, be appointed for the above mentioned purpose ; and they are hereby authorized to proceed on the necessary business which may be proposed for their deliberation at the said Convention, so far as they conform to the general principles which are established to regulate their conduct in this matter.

Resolved, That the President be requested to call another Convention, at such time and place as he shall deem most conducive to the interest of the Church.

END OF THE FIRST SITTING.

SECOND CONVENTION.

PROCEEDINGS
OF A
CONVENTION
OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On Tuesday, the 16th of May, 1786.

The Reverend Mr. Provoost read prayers.

The Convention then proceeded to appoint the Reverend Mr. Provoost President, and the Reverend Mr. Moore, Secretary.

Ordered, That the delegates from the several congregations produce their credentials; which being done accordingly, the following members were found to be duly authorized to represent their respective congregations.

For New York, the Reverend Mr. Provoost, Reverend Mr. Moore, Reverend Mr. Beach, Reverend Mr. Ogden, Honourable Mr. Duane, Honourable Mr. Jay, Honourable Mr. R. R. Livingston, Honourable Richard Morris, John Alsop, William Duer, and Paschal Smith, Esquires.

For the united parishes of Jamaica, Newtown, and Flushing, the Reverend Mr. Bloomer, Daniel Kissam, Robert Crommelin, and Richard Alsop, Esquires.

For North and South Hempstead, the Reverend Mr. Thomas Moore, Hendrick Onderdonck, Samuel Martin, David Brooks.

For Rye, William Miller, Alexander Hunt.

The proceedings of the last Convention were read.

The Honourable Mr. Duane then reported the proceedings of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, held in Philadelphia last September.

A copy of the Book of Common Prayer, with the proposed alterations; and a Journal of the General Convention, were read:

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Adjourned to half past eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH.

The Convention met according to adjournment; and several papers relative to the business of the Church, were presented by Mr. Duane, and read by the Secretary.

Deeming it necessary to defer their deliberations to some future time, the Convention adjourned to the second Tuesday in June.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Reverend Mr. Bloomer read prayers.

The minutes of the proceedings of this Convention at their last meeting, were read, and approved.

Letters from the English Bishops, and from Mr. Adams, were read.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Honourable Mr. Adams and Mr. Lee, for interesting themselves in so affectionate a manner, for the benefit of this Church, in the business of procuring for it an Episcopate.

Adjourned to eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH.

Convention met according to adjournment.

The Reverend Mr. Rowland read prayers.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion,

Resolved, That (out of respect to the English Bishops, and because the minds of the people are not yet sufficiently informed) the consideration of the Book of Common Prayer, with the proposed alterations, be deferred to a future day.

The General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, was read, and considered by paragraphs.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th articles, approved.

The 8th article adopted, with the following amendment, "that the Bishop be amenable only to the authority of the General Convention."

The consideration of the 9th and 10th articles, suspended. The 11th adopted.

In compliance with the directions of the General Convention,

Resolved, That the Reverend Mr. Provoost be recommended for Episcopal consecration.

On motion,

Resolved, That four Clerical and four Lay Deputies be elected to represent this Church in the next General Convention. The Reverend Mr. Provoost, Reverend Mr. Beach, Reverend Mr. Bloomer, and the Reverend Mr. B. Moore, of the Clergy: and the Honourable James Duane, Honourable John Jay, Mr. R. C. Livingston, Mr. R. Crommelin, and Mr. J. Farquhar, of the Laity, were accordingly elected.

Resolved, That the persons appointed to represent this Church be instructed not to consent to any act that may imply the validity of Dr. Seabury's ordinations.

END OF THE SECOND SITTING.

THIRD CONVENTION.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

CONVENTION

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On the 20th of September, 1786.

The Reverend Mr. Provoost was unanimously chosen President, and the Reverend Mr. Moore Secretary.

The following persons produced their credentials, and were found duly authorized to represent their respective congregations.

For New York, the Reverend Dr. Provoost, Reverend Mr. Beach, Reverend Mr. Moore, Reverend Mr. Ogden, Honourable John Jay, Honourable James Duane, William Duer, John Lawrence, Esquires, Mr. John Alsop, Mr. P. N. Smith, Mr. Thomas Randall.

For Jamaica, Long Island, the Reverend Mr. Bloomer, Daniel Kissam, Esquire.

For Newtown, Richard Alsop, Esquire, Mr. Charles Roach.

For Staten Island, Mr. Lawrence Hilyer.

For Rye, Mr. John Purdy, Mr. Ebenezer Purdy, Mr. William Miller.

For Wallkill, Mr. Andrew Graham.

For South Hempstead, the Reverend Thomas Moore, Mr. John Sands, Mr. David Brooks, Mr. George Hewlett.

Ordered, That the late communications from his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, be read ; and they were read accordingly.

Adjourned to eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST.

Convention met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Duane, seconded by Mr. Jay,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report regulations for the proceedings of the Convention of this State.

A Committee was appointed accordingly, consisting of the following members: the Reverend Mr. Bloomer, Reverend Mr. Moore, Mr. Duane, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Lawrence. This Committee to prepare and bring in their report at the next Convention.

A certificate, recommending the Reverend Dr. Provoost for Episcopal consecration, was signed by all the members present.

Resolved, That two Clerical and two Lay Deputies be appointed to represent this Church in the General Convention to be held at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, on the 10th of October next. The Reverend Dr. Provoost, and the Reverend Mr. Moore, of the Clergy; Honorable Mr. Duane, and John Rutherford, Esq., of the Laity, were appointed accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Jay,

Resolved, That the representatives of this Church in the General Convention, be instructed to move, that the name of every person who makes a motion in said Convention, upon which a question is put, be entered on the minutes of said Convention; and that the ayes and noes be also entered on the determination of the question, in the said minutes, if any member should require it.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the delegates of the respective churches here represented, to procure contributions in their several parishes, to defray the expense which may accrue from the consecration of the Reverend Dr. Provoost.

Resolved, That the deputies to the General Convention have discretionary powers, with respect to any matters which may come into debate in the said General Convention.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the property belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, &c., and to devise the most effectual means for securing the same to this Church. This business referred to the Committee appointed to consider and report regulations, &c.

Resolved, That Mr. Fowler have the consent and approbation of this Convention, to officiate as a reader in the Episcopal congre-

gations at Islip, Brookhaven, and Oyster Bay ; and that the Secretary give him a certificate of the same.

Ordered, That a book be provided by the Secretary, in which the Journals of former Conventions shall be transcribed; and that the expense arising therefrom be provided for at some future Convention.

END OF THE THIRD SITTING.

FOURTH CONVENTION

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

C O N V E N T I O N

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On the 27th of June, 1787.

Present :

The Right Reverend Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.

From Trinity Church, New York, the Reverend Abraham Beach, Reverend Benjamin Moore, Honourable James Duane, John Alsop, Esquire.

From St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Reverend John H. Rowland, Paul Mischeau, Esquire.

From St. George's Church, South Hempstead, the Reverend Thomas L. Moore, Hendrick Onderdonck, and George Hulett, Esquires.

From — Church, Jamaica, Reverend Joshua Bloomer, Daniel Kissam, Esquire.

From — Church, Newtown, Mr. Charles Roach.

From — Church, Flushing, Robert Crommelin, Esquire.

From Brooklyn, Reverend Mr. Wright, Colonel Giles, Mr. Joshua Sands.

From North Castle, Mr. Stephen J. De Lancey.

From East Chester, Philip Pell, jun., Esquire, Mr. Thomas Bartow.

From Christ Church, Oyster Bay, Mr. Philip Youngs.

From St. John's Church, Huntington, Mr. John Jones.

From Trinity Church, Fish-Kills, Mr. Elbert Willet, junior.

From Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Mr. Daniel Lefferts.

From Philippsburgh, Augustus Van Cortlandt, and Israel Honeywell, junior, Esquires.

From Rye, Peter Jay, and Alexander Hunt, Esquires.

From New Rochelle, Mr. Theodocius Bartow.

From St. John's Church, Islip, Mr. Andrew Fowler.

The members having produced the testimonials of their appointment, proceeded to elect the Right Reverend Samuel Provoost, D. D., President, and the Reverend Abraham Beach, Secretary.

The Right Reverend Bishop Provoost, communicated to the Convention testimonials of his consecration, from his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury ; which were read.

A letter addressed to the Right Reverend the Bishop, by the congregation at Balltown, requesting to be recognized by the Convention, was read, and approved.

A letter of the like import, respecting the Episcopal Church in Albany, addressed to the Bishop by the Reverend Mr. Ellison, their minister, was also read, and approved.

Mr. Duane, in behalf of the delegates of this Church appointed to attend the General Convention held at Wilmington in October last, reported the proceedings of the said General Convention ; which were read.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to consider of, and report regulations for the proceedings of the Convention of this State, reported the same ; which were ordered to lie on the table for the consideration of the members.

The General Constitution was read, and referred to future consideration.

Adjourned to five o'clock P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and took up the consideration of the report of regulations, &c. After some time spent therein, adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH.

The Convention met according to adjournment ; and resumed the consideration of rules and regulations reported by the Com-

mittee; and having gone through the whole by paragraphs, and made several amendments, they unanimously approved of them: and they are as follows:

I. There shall be an annual Convention of the Clergy and Lay Deputies of the Episcopal congregations, on the first Tuesday in November; and also, such special meetings as the exigencies of the Church may require, or the Bishop shall think fit to appoint; of which timely notice shall be given by the Secretary for the time being, to each Clergyman, and to the Churchwardens and Vestry, or Trustees of the different congregations; and the deputies sent, shall produce satisfactory testimonials of their being duly elected, in order to entitle them to a vote.

II. At every Convention, the Bishop shall preside; but in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a President from amongst the Clergy.

III. The business of every Convention shall be introduced by prayers and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop.

IV. In all questions the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately; the Clergy by individuals, and the Laity by congregations; and a majority of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure. And when more than one church or chapel shall be united under a single corporation, the representatives of such corporation shall be entitled to a distinct vote for each church or chapel.

V. Every Clergyman who is regularly settled in any congregation in this State, shall be a member of this Convention, *ex officio*.

VI. When the Episcopate becomes vacant by the death or removal of the Bishop, the Convention shall be called by a Standing Committee appointed for that purpose, and proceed to a new election. And sufficient testimonials shall be given by the Convention, to the Bishop elect, in order that he may obtain consecration. In this, and every other instance that relates to the appointment of Officers, and Committees, the votes shall be given by ballot.

VII. Every candidate for Holy Orders, who means to settle in this State, shall make known to the Bishop his intentions, at least six months before ordination; to the end that an opportunity may be given to inquire into his character, life, and conversation.

VIII. Every candidate for Holy Orders shall produce to the Bishop when he applies for ordination, the credentials required in the tenth article of the General Constitution; and be able to translate the Greek Testament into Latin or English, and express his sentiments in Latin, on any given subject of divinity.

IX. Besides the above mentioned qualifications, every candidate for Holy Orders shall produce to the Bishop a recommendation from the Convention, signed by the Secretary.

X. Every person ordained a deacon for this State, shall be employed, for at least six months before he is admitted into priest's orders, in executing his office among congregations destitute of a minister, or such other as the Bishop shall appoint. And no person shall be ordained a Priest unless he hath such provision made for his support as shall be approved by the Bishop.

XI. Every candidate for the order of Deacon, shall be of the full age of twenty-one years; and for the office of a Priest, of twenty-four years; of which the Bishop shall be satisfied by sufficient testimonials.

XII. The Bishop shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal office to his proper jurisdiction; unless requested to ordain or confirm by any church destitute of a Bishop, in union with the General Convention of this Church.

XIII. No clergyman who is settled in any congregation in this State, shall remove to another parish without permission first obtained from the Bishop; provided, that such clergyman shall be allowed an appeal to this Convention, in case of refusal.

XIV. Every clergyman who is regularly settled in this State, shall, on the next Sunday after Easter in every year, preach a sermon to his congregation, on the duties which are peculiarly Episcopal; in which he shall lay before the people the propriety and necessity of supporting the Episcopal office with becoming dignity, by their voluntary contributions. And the collections which are at this time made, shall be deposited in the hands of the Corporation of Trinity Church in the City of New York; and the disposal of the same shall be left entirely under the direction of this Convention, so as in the most effectual manner to defray the extraordinary expense which the Bishop may incur by his visitations of the churches; and to establish a fund for the better support of the Episcopate in this State.

XV. In case of a complaint made to this Convention against any Bishop, Priest, or Deacon, of such a nature as to require a trial, all the proceedings shall be taken in writing. If the accused be found guilty, the penalties shall be admonition, suspension, or deprivation of office, according to the degree of the offence.—Suspension not to be longer than one year; and in case of deprivation of office, an appeal may be made to the General Convention; but when lesser penalties are adjudged, the sentence of this State Convention shall be final.

XVI. The Bishop shall, at least once in three years, make a general visitation of the churches within his own proper jurisdiction, for the purposes of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behaviour of the Clergy, and administering the office of Confirmation.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, with power to call a special Convention, should the Episcopate become vacant by the death or removal of the Bishop:—Whereupon the Reverend Joshua Bloomer, the Reverend Benjamin Moore, the Reverend Abraham Beach, the Honourable James Duane, the Honourable John Jay, and John Alsop, Esquire, were elected by ballot.

Resolved, That the same gentlemen be a Standing Committee to advise with the Bishop in all matters in which he may think proper to consult them.

Resolved, That it be the business of the aforesaid Standing Committee, to inquire into the state of the property belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, &c., within this State, and of any other property to which the Church may have a just claim; and to devise the most effectual means for securing the same to this Church.

Resolved, That three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, be appointed to represent this Church in the General Convention, whenever the Committee appointed for that purpose, shall think proper to call one:—Whereupon the Reverend Mr. B. Moore, the Reverend Mr. Bloomer, and the Reverend Mr. Wright, of the Clergy; the Honourable Mr. Duane, the Honourable Mr. Jay, and Mr. Theodosius Bartow, of the Laity, were duly elected.

The consideration of the General Constitution was resumed, and the eight first articles approved of by the last Convention were again ratified, with the following addition to the sixth article, *viz.*: after the last word, Bishop, add, *in union with the General Convention of this Church.*

On reading the ninth article, it was ordered, on motion of Mr. Duane, seconded by Mr. Alsop, that until further provision be made by the General Convention, the respective congregations of this Church be at liberty to use the New Form of Prayer, or the Old, as they respectively may think proper.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and proceeded to the house of the Right Reverend Bishop Provoost; and being joined by him, returned to St. Paul's Chapel, in the following order: Charity Scholars,—Members of the Church,—Gentlemen of the Vestry of Trinity Church,—Lay Delegates of the Con-

vention,—the Bishop and Clergy. On entering the chapel, an anthem suitable to the occasion, was sung by the Charity Scholars; the Morning Service was then read by the Reverend Mr. Rowland; after which the Convention assembling in the front of the desk, the Secretary, in their name addressed the Bishop as follows:—

RIGHT REVEREND SIR,

We, the Clergy and Laity, representatives of the Protestant Episcopal Church, now assembled in Convention, beg leave to address you on this solemn occasion, with sentiments of duty and unfeigned respect.

After having successfully accomplished the great object which you had in view, we congratulate you on your return to your native city, safe from the hazards of a long and tempestuous voyage, and in a great measure restored to health from a painful and dangerous illness.

While we express in terms of the warmest gratitude, the high obligations we are under to the English Bishops for their paternal interposition in our favour, we beg leave to present to you our hearty thanks for your compliance with our desires; and thus through many difficulties and sufferings, rendering our Church complete in all its parts.

This propitious event, so long and ardently wished for, forms an important era in the history of our Church! We are now by Divine providence placed in such a situation, that a regular succession of the ministry may be continued to us and our posterity, without being reduced to the necessity of applying to a distant land!

Justly reposing the highest confidence in your integrity and piety, your love of peace and order, and in your unremitted endeavours for the advancement of true religion and virtue, we rejoice that the distinguished honour of filling one of the first Episcopal chairs in these United States, hath been conferred on a character so truly estimable; and we trust, that we, and those whom we represent, shall never fail to render you all due support, respect, and reverence.

May it graciously please the Almighty Ruler of the universe, so to bless your ministrations, that a firm foundation may be laid for the peace and prosperity of our Church, which shall remain unshaken to the latest ages. And may you, Right Reverend Sir, long continue in the discharge of your sacred office, an example for our imitation, and an ornament to our holy religion; and may we, and all those committed to your pastoral charge, derive from your ministrations a benefit which will be of everlasting duration: so that when we are called to answer for our actions, we may

give an account with joy; and remain for ever one flock, under one shepherd JESUS CHRIST, the Bishop of our souls.

THE BISHOP'S ANSWER.

REVEREND AND MOST DEARLY BELOVED,

This affectionate address, your obliging congratulations on my return to my native city, and on the recovery of my health, and above all your assurances of support in my ministrations, I receive with the utmost satisfaction and thankfulness.

The object of my late mission being the independence of our Church, and a regular succession of the ministry, was of such magnitude, that its happy accomplishment cannot fail of inspiring all its members with the highest gratitude to Almighty God, and to all who under Him, have by their good offices contributed to its success. To the English Bishops particularly, we are under indelible obligations, and I cordially unite with you in a public testimony of their benevolent and paternal exertions in our favour. Whenever we shall reflect on this important era in the history of our Church, they must be remembered with honour and reverence.

Let us, my beloved friends, zealously strive to make due improvement of the spiritual privileges which we now enjoy. Let our faith be sincere, and our lives unblemished, as our doctrine and worship are pure and holy, and God will continue to shower down His blessings upon us and our Church, with a bountiful hand.

May you, my Reverend Brethren, aided by His gracious Spirit, continue to be watchful shepherds of the flocks committed to your charge, and maintain the doctrines and discipline of this excellent Church, with constancy and zeal; and at the same time with candour towards those who differ from us in religious opinions, that our moderation may be made manifest, and we may joyfully contribute to that peace, and love, and charity, which are so strongly enforced in the Gospel of our blessed Redeemer.

Deeply sensible of my own imperfections, I feel with solicitude the weight of the important office to which I am consecrated. I rely only on the grace of God, to enable me to discharge my pastoral duties with fidelity, to be instrumental in promoting true religion and virtue, in governing this Church in peace and unanimity, and laying a sure foundation for its lasting prosperity; that thus, through His divine protection, your expectation of my usefulness, may not be disappointed.

And, now unto God's gracious mercy and protection I commit you; the LORD bless you and keep you! the LORD make His face

to shine upon you! the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace both now and evermore!

The Convention again resumed the consideration of the General Constitution; and after some time spent therein, approved of the tenth and eleventh articles of it.

On motion,

Resolved, That the regulation now established for the admission of candidates for Holy Orders, take place on the first Tuesday in November next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Reverend Mr. B. Moore, and the Reverend Mr. Beach, be a Committee to publish the minutes of this Convention from the twenty-second of June, 1785, to the present time; together with the form of incorporating churches, prescribed by a late act of the Legislature; and to furnish copies thereof to the several congregations within the State.

The Convention adjourned to the first Tuesday in November next; then to meet in St. Paul's Chapel, in the City of New York.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE

OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR A CHURCH;

Pursuant to a late act of the Legislature.

We the subscribers, two of the Churchwardens (or two of the Vestrymen, of the church in the city or town, as the case may be) do hereby certify, that the members of the said church, having been this day duly convened agreeably to, and for the purposes mentioned in an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed the sixth day of April, 1784, entitled, "An act to enable all the religious denominations in this State to appoint Trustees, who shall be a body corporate, for the purpose of taking care of the temporalities of their respective congregations; and for other purposes therein mentioned;" did, in pursuance of the said act, proceed to the election of the said Trustees; and that upon the votes of the said members being taken, the following persons were, by a plurality of voices, elected to that office; namely, [here take in the names of the Trustees elect.]

And we do hereby further certify, that it was then and there unanimously agreed, that the style and name by which the said

Trustees and their successors should be hereafter known, should be by the style and name of "The Corporation of [here take in the name of the corporation.]

In witness whereof, we the said Churchwardens (or Vestrymen, as the case may be) have hereunto set our hands and seals, this
 day of _____ in the year of our LORD,
 one thousand seven hundred and _____

Signed and Sealed {
 in the presence of {

A. B.

L. S.

C. D.

L. S.

A. B.

C. D.

DIRECTIONS IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO THE LAW.

I. This certificate being executed in the presence of two witnesses, must be acknowledged or proved in the manner deeds are acknowledged or proved before the Chancellor or Judge of the Supreme Court, or one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the county, and be forthwith recorded by the Clerk of the county.

II. The Trustees cannot be less than three, nor more than nine in number.

III. The manner of their election must be carefully attended to, *i. e.*, all the male persons of full age belonging to the congregation, have a right to vote; and to assemble for that purpose at the place where they stately attend for Divine worship.

IV. The Minister, or in case of a vacancy, the Churchwardens or Vestrymen, and for want of such officers, any member of the congregation, shall publicly notify the time and place where the election shall be held, at least fifteen days before the election, for two successive Sabbaths preceding the same; and at the day of election the two Churchwardens shall preside; and in case of their absence, two of the Vestrymen; and if there be no such officers, the congregation shall elect two of their members to hold the said election. The persons presiding, to receive the votes, and to judge of the qualification of the electors; and to be the returning officers.

V. The first Trustees are to continue in office for three years; and immediately after the first election, to be divided by lot into three classes, 1, 2, and 3, and the seats of the members of the first class become vacant at the end of the first year; of the second, at the expiration of the second year; and of the third, at the expiration of the third year; so that the third part of the whole, as nearly as possible, may be annually chosen.

VI. In order to preserve the succession, the Trustees are to notify the members, or (in case of vacancy) the Churchwardens, the names of the Trustees whose office is about expiring, at least one month before its determination; who shall publish the same to the congregation, and appoint the time and place for the election of new Trustees to fill up the vacancy: which election must be held at least six days before such vacancies shall from time to time happen. And in all such cases, the Churchwardens, or if they are absent, two of the Vestrymen shall preside, receive the votes of the electors, judge of their qualifications, and be the returning officers; and a certificate under their hands and seals, will entitle the persons so to be elected to take their seats at the board of Trustees.

VII. The Trustees, by the provisions of this law, upon recording the certificate first mentioned, become a body corporate, with full power to have a common seal; to possess and manage the temporalities of the Church, and to hold and enjoy estates for the benefit thereof, to the yearly value of twelve hundred pounds.

FIFTH CONVENTION

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

C O N V E N T I O N

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On Tuesday, 6th of November, 1787.

The following Gentlemen Present :

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the said city.

Rev. Mr. Beach, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

Rev. Mr. B. Moore, Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Mr. Bloomer, Rector of Grace Church, at Jamaica; of St. James' at Newtown; and St George's, at Flushing.

Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rector of St. George's, Church South Hempstead.

Rev. Mr. Rowland, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of the Episcopal Churches at Rye and White Plains.

Rev. Mr. Wright, Rector of the Episcopal Church, Brooklyn.

The above are members of the Convention, *ex officio*.

Hon. James Duane, Hon. John Jay, Mr. John Alsop, and Mr. Moses Rogers, New York.

Daniel Kissam, Esq., and Mr. Christopher Smith, Jamaica.

Mr. Charles Roach, Newtown.

Mr. Robert Crommelin, Flushing.

Dr. Samuel Martin, Mr. Henry Onderdonk, and Mr. John Latham, South Hempstead.

Paul Micheau, Esq., Staten Island.

Augustus Van Cortlandt, Mr. Israel Honeywell, and Mr. John Parner, Philipsburgh.

Mr. Alexander Hunt, and Mr. Jonathan Worton, Rye and White Plains.

Mr. William Emott, Poughkeepsie.

Mr. John G. Wright, and Mr. Isaac Ward, East Chester.

Mr. John Van Nostrand, and Joshua Sands, Esq., Brooklyn.

Mr. Joseph Purdy, Upper Salem.

Mr. Stephen I. De Lancey, North Castle and Bedford.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Beach, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Rowland.

The Lay Delegates then produced testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read, and approved.

The Rev. Benjamin Moore was elected Secretary.

The minutes of the last Convention were read, and approved.

The Right Rev. Dr. Provoost expressed his satisfaction to the Convention, on account of the increasing state of the Church, and informed them, That he had ordained several persons—That he had lately made a visitation of several churches on Long Island, for the purpose of Confirmation; and hoped that the other churches here represented would be equally prepared for the reception of that sacred rite, as he intended to visit them next spring.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1787.

Convention met according to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Bloomer read prayers.

Theodosius Bartow and Isaac Besly took their seats as representatives of the church in New Rochelle.

Mr. Gaine's account for printing the Journals of former Conventions was presented, and referred to a Committee, consisting of one member from every congregation. The members of this Committee discharged the account; and recommended, that in

future, a collection be made when the sermon is preached at every annual Convention ; and the sums so collected to be expended in defraying any expenses of the Convention which may hereafter arise.

Resolved, That the Committees which were appointed the last year, be continued the ensuing year, *viz.*: The Committees appointed to call a special Convention should the Episcopate become vacant by the death or removal of the Bishop,—

To advise with the Bishop in all matters in which he may think proper to consult them,—

To inquire into the state of the property belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and any other property to which the Church may have a just claim.

Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

SIXTH CONVENTION.

PROCEEDINGS
OF A
CONVENTION
OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

Held in the City of New York,

On Tuesday, Nov., 4th 1788.

The following Gentlemen Present :

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Mr. Beach, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

Rev. Mr. B. Moore, Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Mr. Bloomer, Rector of Grace Church, at Jamaica ; of St. James' at Newtown ; and St. George's at Flushing.

Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rector of St. George's Church, at South Hempstead.

Rev. Mr. Wright, Rector of the Episcopal Church, Brooklyn.

The above are members of the Convention, *ex officio*.

Hon. James Duane, Hon. John Jay, Hon. William Samuel Johnson, Mr. Moses Rogers, Mr. William Laight, Richard Harison, Robert Watts, and Nicholas Cruger, Esquires, New York.

Mr. Shadrach Kelly, Brookhaven.

Mr. Isaac Youngs, Huntington.

Mr. David Jones, and Mr. Philip Youngs, Oyster Bay.

Dr. Samuel Martin, Samuel Carman, Andrew Onderdonk, and Daniel Kissam, Esquires, South Hempstead.

Mr. Cristopher Smith, and Daniel Kissam, Esq., Jamaica.

Mr. Robert Crommelin, Flushing.

Richard Alsop, Esq., and Mr. Charles Roach, Newtown.

Aquila Giles, Esq., Mr. John Carpenter, and Mr. John Middagh, Brooklyn.

Augustus Van Cortlandt, Esq., Philipsburgh.

Mr. Theodosius Bartow, and Mr. Paul Parcutt, New Rochelle.

Cadwallader Colden, Esq., Mr. Justus Banks, and Mr. James G. Graham, St. Andrews, Ulster county.

Prayers were read, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Bloomer.

The Lay Delegates then produced testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read, and approved.

The Rev. Mr. B. Moore was elected Secretary.

A letter from some of the members of the church at New Rochelle, addressed to the Right Rev. Dr. Provoost, recommending Mr. Theodosius Bartow for Holy Orders, was read, and referred to future consideration.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1788.

Convention met according to adjournment.

The minutes of the last annual Convention, and of yesterday, were read, and approved.

The Delegates to this Convention from Albany and Staten Island, produced their testimonials, when the following gentlemen were found to be duly authorized to represent their respective congregations:—

Rev. Mr. Ellison, John Taylor, Esq., Mr. Daniel Hale, James Fairlie, Esq., and Mr. Jacob Vander Heyden, Albany.

Rev. Richard C. Moore, Paul Micheau, Esq., and Mr. Laurence Hillyer, Staten Island.

The thanks of the Convention were given to the Rev. Mr. Bloomer, for his sermon preached before them yesterday.

The Right Rev. Dr. Provoost expressed his satisfaction to the

Convention, upon the prospect of the increasing prosperity of the Church in this State:—informed them, that he had ordained several persons in the course of the last year:—that he had hitherto been prevented, by a multiplicity of other business, from visiting the congregations in distant parts of the State; but hoped that he should be able, before the next Convention, to carry his intention, with respect to the visitation of his Diocese, into complete execution.

A letter from the church at Balltown was read by the Bishop; the purport of which was to solicit aid towards erecting a house for public worship in that place; and a subscription was opened for that purpose.

A request was made by the representatives of the congregations at Brookhaven, Huntington, and Oyster Bay, that this Convention would recommend Mr. Fowler to the Bishop for Holy Orders: and the same being taken into consideration; it was

Resolved, That Mr. Fowler be accordingly recommended to the Bishop for Ordination: *provided*, That upon examination he be found properly qualified, both with respect to his literary abilities and moral character.

The request from the church at New Rochelle, respecting Mr. Bartow's ordination, was taken into consideration; upon which Mr. Bartow was desired to withdraw, and the Convention came to the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to Mr. Bartow, for his services as a Reader in the Episcopal Church at New Rochelle—That the Convention consider him as eminently useful to the Church in that situation, and wish him to continue therein. And as they have the highest sense of his zeal for religion, and great respect for his moral character, they would recommend his application to such studies as may qualify him for Holy Orders, in conformity to the Constitution of the Church.—And that a copy of these resolutions be delivered to Mr. Bartow by the Secretary, in testimony of the approbation of this Convention.

Upon motion of Mr. Harison, seconded by Mr. Rogers, it was unanimously

Resolved, That it is highly necessary, in the opinion of this Convention, that measures should be pursued to preserve the Episcopal succession in the English line, and,

Resolved also, That the union of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, is of great importance,

and much to be desired; and that the Delegates of this State, in the next General Convention, be instructed to promote that union by every prudent measure, consistent with the Constitution of the Church, and the continuance of the Episcopal succession in the English line.

It was declared to be the sense of this Convention, that it will not be necessary for Mr. Bartow to make any future application for a recommendation from the Convention; but that it shall be left with the Bishop to determine upon his qualifications for Holy Orders.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1788.

Convention met according to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Thomas Moore. •

Minutes of yesterday were read, and approved.

Upon motion of the Rev. Mr. Ellison, seconded by the Rev. Benjamin Moore,

Resolved, That the Bishop's Council of Advice be composed of the Clergy, and that he be requested to call on those Clergymen, whom he may consult with most convenience to himself, in matters which relate to the spiritual concerns of the Church.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the property belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, &c., within this State, and of any other property to which the Church may have a just claim; and to devise the most effectual means for securing the same to the Church.—That this Committee consist of six members. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed:

The Rev. Mr. Bloomer, the Rev. Mr. Beach, the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Moore, the Hon. James Duane, the Hon. John Jay, and Richard Harison, Esq.

Resolved, That eight Delegates be appointed to represent this Church in the General Convention.

Upon taking the ballots, the following gentlemen were found to be duly elected:—

The Rev. Mr. Bloomer, Rev. Mr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Benjamin

Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Hon. James Duane, Richard Harison, Aquila Giles, Esq's, and Mr. Moses Rogers.

Mr. Cooper was recommended for Holy Orders, *provided*, That upon examination, he be found by the Bishop to be properly qualified.

Resolved, That the money collected in the churches, agreeably to the 14th article of our rules and regulations, be delivered to the Secretary of this Convention ; who is hereby directed to deposit the same in the hands of the Treasurer of the Corporation of Trinity Church, and take his receipt.

SEVENTH CONVENTION

PROCEEDINGS
OF A
CONVENTION

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK :

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On Tuesday, 3d of November, 1789.

The following Gentlemen Present :

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Mr. Bloomer, Rector of Grace Church, at Jamaica; of St. James', at Newtown; and St. George's at Flushing.

Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rector of St. George's Church, South Hempstead.

Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Albany.

Rev. Mr. Van Dyke, Rector of Christ Church, at Poughkeepsie; and of Trinity Church, at Fishkill.

Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rector of the Episcopal Church, at Philipsburgh.

The above are members of the Convention, ex officio.

Richard Harison, Esq., Mr. Moses Rogers, and Mr. William Laight, New York.

Joshua Sands, Aquila Giles, Esq's, and Mr. John Van Nostrand, Brooklyn.

Daniel KISSAM, Esq., and Mr. John TROUP, Jamaica.
Mr. John DAVIS, Poughkeepsie.
Mr. Peter MESIER, Fishkill.
Mr. Robert CROMMELIN, Flushing.
Mr. Charles HAIGHT, and Mr. Daniel SMITH, North Castle.
Philip PELL, and Thomas BARTOW, Esq's, East Chester.
Mr. DAVID TITUS, Newtown.
Paul MICHEAU, and John C. DONGAN, Esq's, Richmond.
Mr. JOHN JONES, Huntington.
Mr. LEWIS PINTARD, and Mr. ISAAC BESLY, New Rochelle.
Dr. SAMUEL MARTIN, Mr. RICHARD THORNE, and Mr. GEORGE HULETT, South Hempstead.
Mr. JOHN HULETT, Oyster Bay.

Prayers were read; and a sermon was preached before the Convention, by the Rev. THOMAS L. MOORE.

The gentlemen who appeared to represent the several congregations, as above, produced their credentials, which were severally read, and approved.

The Rev. ABRAHAM BEACH was chosen Secretary.

Convention adjourned to meet at the Charity School House to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 1789.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Prayers were read.

The Rev. Mr. WRIGHT appeared, and took his seat in Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. ELLISON, seconded by Rev. Dr. MOORE,
Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. THOMAS L. MOORE, for his sermon preached before them yesterday, at St. Paul's Chapel; and that he be requested to publish the same.

The Right Rev. Dr. PROVOOST laid before the Convention, an extract from the Will of Mr. FISHER, late of Bristol, in Great Britain, respecting a legacy left by him to an American Episcopate, which was read, and referred to the Standing Committee.

Rev. Dr. MOORE, from the Committee appointed by the last Convention, to inquire into the situation of the property within

this State belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,

Reported, That there is a tract of land belonging to the Society, at Fort Hunter, in possession of Mr. William Harpur, which, with their other property in the State, the Committee had requested the Society, by letter, to convey to the corporation of Trinity Church, in the City of New York, in trust, to be disposed of to such congregations within this State, as this Convention may judge most to stand in need of assistance. To which request, no answer hath, as yet, been received.

The Convention approved of the report.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Ellison, of Albany, giving an account of the particular circumstances of the church in Johnstown, was laid before the Convention, by the Bishop; which was read, and referred to the Standing Committee.

Testimonials in favour of Mr. William Hammel, of Hackensack, being produced and read;

On motion of Dr. Moore,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to ordain Mr. Hammel; *provided*, he shall be found, upon examination, to be duly qualified.

The Journal of the General Convention, held at Philadelphia, from July 28th to August 8th, inclusive, was read; and the Delegates from this State gave a verbal account of the proceedings of the adjourned General Convention, held at Philadelphia, from the 29th of September to 16th of October last; whereupon Mr. Harison moved the following resolution, *viz.*:

Resolved, That this Convention do approve of, and consider the Church in this State as bound by the Constitution lately adopted by the General Convention at Philadelphia.

On the question, whether the Convention adopt the resolution, it was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Pintard, the Convention took into consideration the case of Mr. Theodosius Bartow, of New Rochelle, who, from a zeal to serve the Church, has regularly officiated as a reader in that place, for the last five years, to the general satisfaction of the congregation; and who is desirous of entering into Holy Orders.

Whereupon, the Convention taking into consideration his universally approved moral character—the earnest desire of the

congregation at New Rochelle—and the great prospect of his being eminently useful to the people,

Resolved, That he be recommended to the Bishop for Holy Orders.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1789.

Convention met according to adjournment.

Cadwallader Colden, Esq., produced his credentials, as Delegate from St. Andrew's Church, in Ulster County, which were read, and approved; and he accordingly took his seat in Convention.

Rev. Mr. Fowler, of Huntington, appeared, and took his seat in Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. William Laight be added to the Committee appointed to inquire into the situation of the property within this State belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and of any other property to which the Church may have just claim; and to devise the most effectual means for preserving the same to this church.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same Committee be authorized to discharge the duties required by the sixth article of the rules and regulations of this Convention; and also the duties required by the sixth canon.

Resolved, That there be a Delegation, consisting of four Clergymen and four Laymen, to represent the Church in any General Convention that may be called before the next annual meeting of this Convention.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were duly elected, *viz.*:

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Bloomer, Rev. Thomas Moore, of the Clergy; and Richard Harison, Esq., Mr. William Laight, Dr. Samuel Martin, and Mr. Daniel Hale, of the Laity.

Adjourned, *sine die*

EIGHTH CONVENTION.

AT A

C O N V E N T I O N

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On Tuesday, 2d of November, 1790.

The following Gentlemen Present :

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Mr. Spierin, Rector of St. Andrew's, Ulster county; and the Episcopal Church at Wallkill.

Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rector of the Episcopal Church, at Philipsburgh.

Rev. Mr. Fowler, Rector of Christ Church, Oyster Bay.

Rev. Mr. Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Rev. Mr. Rattoone, Minister of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Rev. Mr. Hammel, Rector of Grace Church, at Jamaica; of St. James', at Newtown; and St. George's, at Flushing.

The above are members of the Convention, *ex officio*.

Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen, and Mr. George Warner, New York.

Aquila Giles, Esq., Mr. John Carpender, and Mr. John Cornell, Brooklyn.

Paul Micheau, Esq., and Mr. Peter Mersereau, Staten Island.

Mr. Thomas Brown, and Mr. John Faulkner, Rye and White Plains.

Augustus Van Cortlandt, Esq., and Mr. Ver Millie, Philipsburgh.

Francis Lewis, Esq., and Mr. Robert Crommelin, Flushing.

Mr. Isaac Besly, and Mr. Guidon, New Rochelle.

Mr. Daniel Smith, North Castle and Bedford.

Dr. Samuel Martin, Mr. Benjamin Hulett, and Mr. Andrew Onderdonk, South Hempstead.

Mr. Underhill, and Elisha Shute, East Chester.

Mr. David Titus, Newtown.

Mr. Christopher Smith, Jamaica.

Dr. Joseph Brown, West Chester.

Mr. William Emmot, and Mr. Ebenezer Badger, Poughkeepsie.

Mr. James Bramble, Newburgh.

Mr. John Hewlett, and Mr. John Jones, Oyster Bay.

Prayers were read, and a sermon was preached before the Convention, by the Rev. Dr. Moore.

The gentlemen appointed to represent the several congregations, as above, produced their credentials; which were read, and approved.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, was chosen Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen residing in this State, and having no cures therein, may be elected, by this Convention, as members; and that this election shall be by ballot.

The Rev. Dr. Leaming, and the Rev. Mr. Nesbit, were elected members of this Convention.

Adjourned until to-morrow, half after 11 o'clock, to meet at the Charity School House.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3d, 1790.

Convention met according to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper read prayers.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Moore, for his sermon preached before them yesterday; and that he be requested to publish the same.

The Rev. Dr. Leaming, Rev. Thomas Moore, Rev. Mr. Nesbit,

and the Rev. Richard Moore, appeared, and took their seats in Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year :

And on examination of the ballots, the following gentlemen appeared to be duly chosen ; Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Leaming, Rev. Thomas Moore, Hon. James Duane, Richard Harison, Esq., and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ministers and Churchwardens, or Trustees, (and in parishes which have no ministers, the Churchwardens only) shall bring, or cause to be transmitted to the Bishop, at every annual Convention, information of the state of their respective congregations, under such heads, as have been, or shall be required of them.

Dr. Moore, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the situation of the property within this State belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and of any other property to which the Church may have just claim ; and to devise the most effectual means for preserving the same to this Church ; reported the following answer to a letter that had been written to the Secretary of that society, relative to the object of their appointment :—

“ Your letter of the 26th September came just in time to allow the Society to consent to the proposal of the Convention of the Clergy of the State of New York, respecting the surrender of their right to the farm at Fort Hunter, to the Corporation of Trinity Church, in trust, for the use of such necessitous Episcopal congregations, as may be deemed by them most worthy of charitable assistance: (for a prior application from the single church at Albany, to have it granted for their particular use, was then under consideration.) But the Society, willing that their intentions for the good of your Church, (once more nearly connected) may have every possible advantageous effect, have concluded that the conveying of their right to an incorporated society, may be most likely to answer the purpose. And therefore, I am directed to acquaint you with this determination, and desire you will send over a rough draught of such a deed as you shall judge most fitting, and the Society will return it properly executed.”

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be directed to prepare a draught of a deed for the farm at Fort Hunter, and transmit the

same to the Society, agreeably to their request. And likewise, to represent to them, that it is the intention of this Convention, to appropriate the income arising from that, or any other property the Society may think fit to invest in the Corporation of Trinity Church, for the purposes mentioned in their letter, solely to the support of a missionary or missionaries, to visit the vacant congregations of this State.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of four Clerical and four Lay Delegates, to represent the Church in this State, at any General Convention that may be called before the next annual Convention of this State :

And, on examination of the ballots, the following gentlemen appeared to be duly elected, *viz.*: Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Thomas Moore, and Rev. Mr. Richard Moore, of the Clergy ; and the Hon. James Duane, Richard Harison, Aquila Giles, and Joseph Brown, Esq's, of the Laity.

The Rev. Mr. Ellison, from Albany, took his seat in Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, and Dr. Joseph Brown, be a Committee to compare the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, with the rules and regulations of this Convention—mark any disagreement there may be between them, and report accordingly.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER. 4TH, 1790..

Convention met according to adjournment..

Prayers were read by the Right Rev. Dr. Provoost..

The minutes of yesterday were read, and approved..

On motion,

Resolved, That the stated annual meeting of this Convention, in future, be on the second Tuesday of October..

On motion,

Resolved, That the seventh, eighth, tenth, and eleventh rules and regulations of this State Convention, be rescinded ; being.

superseded by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sixteenth rule of this Convention remain as explanatory of the third canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

On motion,

Resolved, That the fourth article of the fifteenth canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church, be left to the discretion of the minister and his vestry.

Whereas many respectable members of our Church are alarmed at the Articles of our religion not being inserted in our new Book of Common Prayer :

Resolved, That the Articles of the Church of England, as they now stand, except such parts thereof as affect the political government of this country, be held in full force and virtue, until a further provision is made by the General Convention, agreeably to the eighth article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That donations be solicited for the purpose of supporting a missionary or missionaries to visit the vacant congregations in this State ; which donations shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention hereafter to be appointed ; and be distributed, from time to time, in such proportions as the Standing Committee shall direct.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be directed to use their endeavours to have the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, incorporated, in such manner as shall seem to them most expedient.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Treasurer be appointed to this Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Treasurer : and on examining the ballots, it appeared that Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen was duly elected.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention do call on the Treasurer of Trinity Church, for all the monies in his hands belonging to this Convention : and that the Treasurer of this Convention be directed to put out the aforesaid monies on interest ;

as also, all the other monies which this Convention shall put into his hands hereafter ; taking good real estate as a security for the same, in trust for the Convention ; and that no monies be paid by the Treasurer but by warrant from the Standing Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hammel,

Resolved, That the name of Mr. Jackson Sands be entered on the minutes of this Convention as a candidate for Holy Orders.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cooper,

Resolved, That the name of Mr. Peter Cooper be entered on the minutes of this Convention as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Adjourned *sine die*.

NINTH CONVENTION

AT A

C O N V E N T I O N

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, CITY OF NEW YORK.

On Tuesday, 11th day of October, 1791.

The following Gentlemen Present :

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rector of St. George's Church, South Hempstead.

Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Albany.

Rev. Mr. Foote, Rector of the Episcopal Churches at Rye and White Plains.

Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rector of the Episcopal Church, at Philipsburgh.

Rev. Mr. Hammel, Rector of Grace Church, at Jamaica ; of St. James', at Newtown ; and St. George's, at Flushing.

Rev. Mr. Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Rev. Mr. Spierin, Rector of St. Andrew's, Ulster county ; and the Episcopal Church, at Wallkill.

Rev. Mr. Rattoone, Minister of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The above are members of the Convention, *ex officio*.

The Hon. James Duane, Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen, and Mr. Robert C. Livingston, City of New York.

Aquila Giles, Esq., and Mr. John Carpender, Brooklyn.

Mr. David Titus, Newtown.

Mr. William Ustick, and Mr. Lambert Moore, Flushing.

Mr. George Hewlett, Mr. Thomas Clowes, Mr. Andrew Onderdonk, and Mr. Thomas Martin, South Hempstead.

Mr. John Hewlett, and Mr. Peter Walters, East Wood.

Mr. John Poillon, Staten Island.

Augustus Van Cortlandt, Esq., Philipsburgh.

Mr. Isaac Besly, and Mr. Newberry Devenport, New Rochelle.

Mr. Abraham Vallentine, East Chester.

Mr. Joseph Brown, West Chester.

Mr. Samuel Marvin, Rye and White Plains.

Mr. William Denning, and Mr. Jarvis Dusenburgh, Peekskill and Beverly.

Mr. Daniel Smith, Newcastle and Bedford.

The Right Rev. Dr. Provoost read prayers, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard C. Moore.

The Lay Delegates from the different congregations, produced their respective credentials, which were examined, and approved.

The Rev. Elijah D. Rattoone, was chosen Secretary.

The Convention received notice from the Bishop, that since their last meeting, he had ordained the Rev. Mr. Barber—that the Rev. Mr. Foote, the Rev. Mr. Oliver, and the Rev. Mr. Blakesly, were added to the number of the Clergy; and expressed his satisfaction upon the increasing prosperity of the Church in the northern part of the State.

Resolved, That the *Notitiæ Parochiales*; or, Reports of the state of the different churches, which shall be transmitted to this Convention, agreeably to one of their former directions, shall be enrolled upon the minutes.

Ordered, That Mr. Frederick Van Horne, be mentioned on the minutes, as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, half past ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 1791.

Convention met according to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Cooper.

The minutes of yesterday were read, and approved.

Daniel Kissam, Esq., Delegate from the church at Jamaica ; and Mr. Edward A. Watrous, from Balltown, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats.

Mr. Van Wagenen, Treasurer of the Convention, produced his accounts, which were approved ; and the thanks of the Convention were given him for his fidelity and attention to their interest.

Ordered, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the Rev. Richard C. Moore, for his sermon preached before them yesterday.

The Standing Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Convention.

Reported, That according to order, they had prepared a draught of a deed from the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to the Corporation of Trinity Church, in the City of New York, for the parsonage and glebe at Fort Hunter, in trust for the Convention—that they had transmitted the draught to the Society, and expected shortly to have the business completed : and the Committee further reported, That on due consideration of the instruction given them, to solicit a charter for incorporating this Convention, they had considered it not advisable to make an application to the Legislature at the present time.

Ordered, That a register be made and continued of all the Clergy now residing in this State, and who may hereafter settle therein. [☞ See page 46th.]

The Convention proceeded to ballot for Delegates to represent the churches in this State, at the next General Convention ; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Thomas Moore, and the Rev. Richard Moore, of the Clergy ; and the Hon. James Duane, Richard Harison, and Aquila Giles, Esq's, and Dr. Samuel Martin, of the Laity, were chosen.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, half past 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1791.

Convention met according to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev Mr. Foote.

The minutes of yesterday were read, and approved.

Mr. Christopher Smith, Delegate from the church at Jamaica. appeared, and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Rattoone, Hon. James Duane, Richard Harison, and Aquila Giles, Esq's, were elected the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

With a view to carry into effect, a resolve of this Convention for soliciting donations to support one or more ministers to visit occasionally the vacant congregations, this Convention do *further*

Resolve, That the Treasurer thereof be directed to transmit copies of said resolve to the Vestries, or Trustees of the respective Protestant Episcopal churches in this State, informing them, that the Convention have the success of this measure much at heart; conceiving it will greatly promote the interest of the Church, and the cause of religion and virtue: and entreating said Vestries or Trustees, to exert the best means in their power to give success to a plan so laudable, and in the present state of the churches, so necessary. And be it *further*

Resolved, That the donations which may be given for the pious purposes above mentioned, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention, and be distributed in such proportions as the Standing Committee thereof shall direct; and that their order on the Treasurer shall be a sufficient voucher to him; any former resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen was elected Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Convention pay to the Bishop, twenty-seven pounds, to defray the expenses incurred by him, in his visitation to the several churches in this State.

It being resolved in the last General Convention, that it be made known to the several State Conventions, that it is proposed to consider and determine, in the next General Convention, on the propriety of investing the House of Bishops with a full negative on the proceedings of the other House; it was moved, that this Convention do instruct their Delegates to consent to investing the House of Bishops with said power. But upon taking the question, the Clergy and the Laity being divided in their opinion, the motion was consequently lost.

It was moved and seconded, That this Convention do instruct their Delegates to the next General Convention, to vote for retaining the Thirty-nine Articles of religion, as they now stand in

the old Book of Common Prayer, without any alterations, except only such as are of a political nature.

Resolved, That this motion be deferred for future consideration.

On motion,

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Convention, together with the minutes of the several preceding Conventions which remain unpublished, be printed. And the Delegates of the different congregations here present, do agree to subscribe for as many copies of the same, as to their respective churches, are hereunto affixed.

Church of New York.	-	-	-	-	100 copies
Brooklyn.	-	-	-	-	25
Jamaica, Newtown, and Flushing.	-	-	-	-	40
North and South Hempstead.	-	-	-	-	50
Staten Island.	-	-	-	-	50
Yonkers.	-	-	-	-	25
New Rochelle.	-	-	-	-	12
Rye and White Plains.	-	-	-	-	20
West Chester.	-	-	-	-	20
Duanesburgh.	-	-	-	-	25
Schenectady.	-	-	-	-	25
Albany.	-	-	-	-	25
Balltown.	-	-	-	-	25
Johnstown, and Fort Hunter.	-	-	-	-	25

The Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Moore, Hon. James Duane, and the Secretary, were appointed a Committee to revise and publish the minutes of this, and the preceding Conventions.

Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

ELIJAH D. RATTOONE.

Secretary of Convention

REGISTER OF THE CLERGY
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
In the State of New York.

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York, ordained Deacon, by the Bishop of London, on the 23d day of February, 1766. Ordained Priest, by the Bishop of Chester, on the 25th day of March, 1766 ; and consecrated Bishop, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on 4th day of February, 1787.

Rev. Jeremiah Leaming, D. D., ordained Deacon, by the Bishop of Landaff, on the 5th day of June, 1748. Ordained Priest, by the Bishop of Winchester, on the 19th day of June, 1748.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York, ordained Deacon, by the Bishop of Landaff, on the 17th day of May, 1767. Ordained Priest, by the Bishop of London, on the 14th of June, 1767.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York, ordained Deacon, by the Bishop of London, on the 24th day of June, 1774. Ordained Priest, by the same Bishop, on the 29th day of June, 1774.

Rev. Thomas L. Moore, A. M., Rector of St. George's Church, South Hempstead, ordained Deacon, by the Bishop of London, on the 24th day of September, 1781. Ordained Priest, by the Bishop of Chester, on the 24th day of February, 1782.

Rev. Thomas Ellison, A. M., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, ordained Deacon, by the Archbishop of York, on the 7th of July, 1782. Ordained Priest, by the Bishop of Durham, on the 19th day of September, 1784.

The Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, ordained Deacon, by the Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, on the 15th day of July ; and Priest, on the 22d day of October, 1787.

Rev. Daniel Foote, A. M., Rector of the United Episcopal Churches at Rye and White Plains, ordained Deacon, by the Right Rev. Samuel Seabury, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut, on the 11th day of June ; and Priest, on the 22d day of October, 1788.

Rev. George H. Spierin, A. M., Rector of the United Churches of Newburgh and Wallkill, ordained both Deacon and Priest, by Bishop Provoost, in the month of July, 1788.

Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of the Church at Philipsburgh, ordained Deacon, by Bishop Provoost, in the month of June ; and Priest, on the 11th day of the same month, 1790.

Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of the Church at Oyster Bay, ordained Deacon, by Bishop Provoost, in the month of June, 1789 ; and Priest, on the 11th day of the same month, 1790.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of the Church at New Rochelle, ordained Deacon, by Bishop Provoost, on the 27th day of January ; and Priest, on the 19th day of October, 1790.

Rev. William Hammel, Rector of the United Churches at Jamaica, Newtown, and Flushing, ordained Deacon, by Bishop Provoost, on the 27th day of January ; and Priest, on the 19th day of October, 1790.

Rev. Elijah D. Rattoone, A. B., Minister of the Church at Brooklyn, ordained Deacon, by Bishop Provoost, on the 10th day of January, 1790.

Rev. Thomas F. Oliver, A. M., Rector of the United Churches at Johnstown and Fort Hunter, ordained Deacon and Priest, by Bishop Seabury.

Rev. Mr. Bostwick, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, officiates every third Sunday in the City of Hudson.

Rev. James Nicholls, of Sandgate, Vermont, officiates every third Sunday at Camden.

Rev. Daniel Barber, of Manchester, Vermont, officiates every third Sunday at Kingsbury.

A P P E N D I X.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
In the State of New York.

I. There shall be an annual Convention of the Clergy and Lay Deputies of the Episcopal congregations, on the second Tuesday in October; and also, such special meetings as the exigencies of the Church may require, or the Bishop shall think fit to appoint; of which timely notice shall be given by the Secretary for the time being, to each clergyman, and to the Churchwardens and Vestry, or Trustees of the different congregations; and the Deputies sent shall produce satisfactory testimonials of their being duly elected, in order to entitle them to a vote.

II. At every Convention, the Bishop shall preside; but in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a President from among the Clergy.

III. The business of every Convention shall be introduced by prayers and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop.

IV. In all questions the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately; the Clergy by individuals, and the Laity by congregations; and a majority of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure. And when more than one church or chapel shall be united under a single corporation, the representatives of such corporation shall be entitled to a distinct vote for each church or chapel.

V. Every clergyman who is regularly settled in any congregation in this State, shall be a member of this Convention, *ex officio*.

VI. When the Episcopate becomes vacant by the death or removal of the Bishop, the Convention shall be called by a Standing Committee appointed for that purpose, and proceed to a new election. And sufficient testimonials shall be given by the Convention, to the Bishop elect, in order that he may obtain consecration. In this, and every other instance that relates to the

appointment of Officers, and Committees, the votes shall be given by ballot.

VII. Every candidate for Holy Orders shall produce to the Bishop a recommendation from the Convention, signed by the Secretary.

VIII. The Bishop shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal office to his proper jurisdiction; unless requested to ordain or confirm by any church destitute of a Bishop, in union with the General Convention of this Church.

IX. No clergyman who is settled in any congregation in this State, shall remove to another parish without permission first obtained from the Bishop; *Provided*, That such clergyman shall be allowed an appeal to this Convention, in case of refusal.

X. Every clergyman who is regularly settled in this State, shall, on the next Sunday after Easter in every year, preach a sermon to his congregation, on the duties which are peculiarly Episcopal; in which he shall lay before the people the propriety and necessity of supporting the Episcopal office with becoming dignity, by their voluntary contributions. And the collections which are at this time made, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention; and the disposal of the same shall be left entirely under the direction of this Convention, so as in the most effectual manner to defray the extraordinary expense which the Bishop may incur by his visitations of the churches; and to establish a fund for the better support of the Episcopate in this State.

XI. In case of a complaint made to this Convention against any Bishop, Priest, or Deacon, of such a nature as to require a trial, all the proceedings shall be taken in writing. If the accused be found guilty, the penalties shall be admonition, suspension, or deprivation of office, according to the degree of the offence.—Suspension not to be longer than one year; and in case of deprivation of office, an appeal may be made to the General Convention; but when lesser penalties are adjudged, the sentence of this State Convention shall be final.

XII. The Bishop shall, at least once in three years, make a general visitation of the churches within his own proper jurisdiction, for the purposes of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behaviour of the Clergy, and administering the rite of Confirmation.

THE
C O N S T I T U T I O N
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
In the United States of America.

ART. 1. There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, on the second Tuesday of September, in the year of our LORD, 1792, and on the second Tuesday of September in every third year afterwards, in such place as shall be determined by the Convention ; and special meetings may be called at other times, in the manner hereafter to be provided for ; and this Church, in a majority of the States which shall have adopted this Constitution, shall be represented, before they shall proceed to business ; except that the representation from two States shall be sufficient to adjourn ; and in all business of the Convention, freedom of debate shall be allowed.

ART. 2. The Church in each State shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and the Laity ; which representation shall consist of one or more Deputies, not exceeding four of each order, chosen by the Convention of the State ; and, in all questions, when required by the Clerical or Lay representation from any State, each order shall have one vote ; and the majority of suffrages by States shall be conclusive in each order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the States represented in that order : The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. If the Convention of any State should neglect or decline to appoint Clerical Deputies, or if they should neglect or decline to appoint Lay Deputies, or if any of those of either order appointed should neglect to attend, or be prevented by sickness or any other accident, such State shall, nevertheless, be considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may attend, whether Lay or Clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention of any of the churches which shall have adopted, or may hereafter adopt, this Constitution, no Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, should attend at any General Convention ; the Church in such State shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of such Convention.

ART. 3. The Bishops of this Church, when there shall be three or more, shall, whenever General Conventions are held, form a

separate House, with a right to originate and propose acts, for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, composed of Clergy and Laity; and when any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, the same shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops, who shall have a negative thereupon, unless adhered to by four-fifths of the other House; and all acts of the Convention shall be authenticated by both Houses. And, in all cases, the House of Bishops shall signify to the Convention their approbation or disapprobation (the latter, with their reasons in writing) within three days after the proposed act shall have been reported to them for concurrence; and, in failure thereof it shall have the operation of a law. But until there shall be three or more Bishops, as aforesaid, any Bishop attending a General Convention shall be a member, *ex officio*, and shall vote with the Clerical Deputies of the State to which he belongs; and a Bishop shall then preside.

ART. 4. The Bishop or Bishops in every State shall be chosen agreeably to such rules, as shall be fixed by the Convention of that State; and every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal office to his proper diocese or district; unless requested to ordain, or confirm, or perform any other act of the Episcopal office, by any church destitute of a Bishop.

ART. 5. A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution.

ART. 6. In every State, the mode of trying clergymen shall be instituted by the Convention of the Church therein. At every trial of a Bishop, there shall be one or more of the Episcopal order present; and none but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of deposition or degradation from the ministry, on any clergyman, whether Bishop, or Presbyter, or Deacon.

ART. 7. No person shall be admitted to Holy Orders, until he shall have been examined by the Bishop and by two Presbyters, and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites, as the canons, in that case provided, may direct. Nor shall any person be ordained until he shall have subscribed the following declaration: "I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation: And I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States." No person ordained by a foreign Bishop shall be permitted to officiate as a minister of this Church, until he shall have complied with the canon or canons in that case provided, and have also subscribed the aforesaid declaration.

ART. 8. A Book of Common Prayer, administration of the Sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, Articles of Religion, and a form and manner of making, ordaining and consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons, when established by this or a future General Convention, shall be used in the Protestant Episcopal Church in those States, which shall have adopted this Constitution.

ART. 9. This Constitution shall be unalterable, unless in General Convention, by the Church in a majority of the States, which may have adopted the same; and all alterations shall be first proposed in one General Convention, and made known to the several State Conventions before they shall be finally agreed to, or ratified, in the ensuing General Convention.

C A N O N S ,

For the Government of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the United States of *America*, agreed on and ratified in the General Convention of said Church, held in the City of Philadelphia, from the 29th day of September to the 16th day of October, 1789, inclusive.

CANON I.

Of the Orders of the Ministers in this Church.

In this Church there shall always be three orders in the ministry, *viz.*, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

CANON II.

Certificates to be produced on the part of Bishops elect.

Every Bishop elect, before his consecration, shall produce to the Bishops, to whom he is presented for that holy office, from the Convention by whom he is elected a Bishop, and from the General Convention, or a Committee of that body, to be appointed to act in their recess, certificates respectively, in the following words, *viz.*:

Testimony from the Members of the Convention in the State, from whence the Person is recommended for Consecration.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality or affec-

tion, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment or notable crime, for which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office. We do moreover jointly and severally declare, that, having personally known him for three years last past, we do in our consciences believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, to the honour of God, and the edifying of His Church, and to be an wholesome example to the flock of CHRIST.

Testimony from the General Convention.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear our testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment or notable crime, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office, but that he hath, as we believe, led his life, for three years last past, piously, soberly, and honestly.

CANON III.

Of Episcopal Visitation.

Every Bishop in this Church shall, as often as may be convenient, visit the churches within his diocese or district, for the purposes of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behaviour of the Clergy, and administering the Apostolic rite of Confirmation.

CANON IV.

Of the Age of those who are to be Ordained or Consecrated.

Deacons' orders shall not be conferred on any person until he shall be twenty-one years old, nor Priests' orders on any one until he shall be twenty-four years old; and, except on urgent occasions, unless he hath been a Deacon one year. No man shall be consecrated a Bishop of this Church until he shall be thirty years old.

CANON V.

Of the Titles of those who are to be Ordained.

No person shall be ordained either Deacon or Priest, unless he shall produce a satisfactory certificate from some church, parish,

or congregation, that he is engaged with them, and that they will receive him as their minister, and allow him a reasonable support ; or unless he be engaged as a professor, tutor, or instructor of youth, in some college, academy, or general seminary of learning, duly incorporated ; or unless the Standing Committee of the Church in the State, for which he is to be ordained, shall certify to the Bishop their full belief and expectation that he will be received and settled as a pastor, by some one of the vacant churches in that State.

CANON VI.

The Testimonials to be Produced on the part of those who are to be Ordained.

Every candidate for Holy Orders shall be recommended to the Bishop by a Standing Committee of the Convention of the State wherein he resides, which recommendation shall be signed by the names of a majority of the Committee, and shall be in the following words :

We, whose names are here underwritten, testify, That A. B. for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly : Nor hath he at any time, as far as we know or believe, written, taught, or held, any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church. And moreover we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of . In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands.
Dated the day of , in the year of our LORD, .

But, before a Standing Committee of any State shall proceed to recommend any candidate, as aforesaid, to the Bishop, such candidate shall produce testimonials of his good morals and orderly conduct for three years last past, from the Minister and Vestry of the parish where he has resided, or from the Vestry alone, if the parish be vacant ; a publication of his intention to apply for Holy Orders having been previously made by such Minister or Vestry. In every State, in which there is no Standing Committee, such Committee shall be appointed at its next ensuing Convention ; and in the mean time, every candidate for Holy Orders shall be recommended according to the regulations or usages of the Church in each State, and the requisitions of the Bishop, to whom he applies.

CANON VII.

Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

No person shall be ordained in this Church until he shall have satisfied the Bishop and the two Presbyters, by whom he shall be examined, that he is sufficiently acquainted with the New Testament in the original Greek, and can give an account of his faith in the Latin tongue, either in writing or otherwise, as may be

required; unless it shall be recommended to the Bishop, by two-thirds of the State Convention to which he belongs, to dispense with the aforesaid requisition, in whole or in part; which recommendation shall only be for good causes moving thereto, and shall be in the following words, with the signature of the names of the majority of such Convention.

We, whose names are underwritten, are of opinion, that the dispensing with the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, (or of either of them, as the case may be) in the examination of A. B. for Holy Orders, will be of use to the Church of which we are the Convention, in consideration of other qualifications of the said A. B. for the Gospel ministry.

CANON VIII.

Of the stated Times of Ordination.

Agreeably to the practice of the primitive Church, the stated times of Ordination shall be on the Sundays following the Ember weeks, *viz.*: the second Sunday in Lent, the Feast of Trinity, and the Sundays after the Wednesdays following the fourteenth day of September, and the thirteenth of December.

CANON IX.

Of those who, having been Orduined by foreign Bishops, settle in this Church.

No person, not a member of this Church, who shall profess to be episcopally ordained, shall be permitted to officiate therein, until he shall have exhibited to the Vestry of the church, in which he shall offer to officiate, a certificate, signed by the Bishop of the diocese or district, or, where there is no Bishop, by three clergymen of the Standing Committee of the Convention of that State, that his letters of orders are authentic, and given by some Bishop whose authority is acknowledged by this Church, and also satisfactory evidence of his moral character.

CANON X.

Of the Use of the Book of Common Prayer.

Every minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same shall be set forth and established by the authority of this, or some future General Convention; and until such establishment, of an uniform Book of Common Prayer in this Church, every minister shall read the Book of Common Prayer directed to be used by the Convention of the Church in the State in which he resides; and no other prayer shall be used besides those contained in the said book.

CANON XI.

Of the Duty of Ministers, in regard to Episcopal Visitation.

It shall be the duty of ministers to prepare children and others

for the holy ordinance of Confirmation. And on notice being received from the Bishop of his intention to visit any church, which notice shall be at least one month before the intended visitation, the minister shall be ready to present, for Confirmation, those who shall have been previously instructed for the same; and shall deliver to the Bishop a list of the names of those presented.

And at every visitation it shall be the duty of the minister, and of the Churchwardens, to give information to the Bishop of the state of the congregation, under such heads, as shall have been committed to them in the notice given as aforesaid.

And further, the ministers and Churchwardens of such congregations as cannot be conveniently visited in any year, shall bring or send to the Bishop, at the stated meeting of the Convention of the diocese or district, information of the state of the congregation, under such heads, as shall have been committed to them, at least one month before the meeting of the Convention.

CANON XII.

Notorious Crimes and Scandals to be Censured.

If any persons within this Church offend their brethren by any wickedness of life, such persons shall be repelled from the Holy Communion, agreeably to the rubric, and may be further proceeded against, to the depriving of them of all privileges of Church membership; according to such rules of process as may be provided, either by the General Convention, or by the Conventions in the different States.

CANON XIII.

Sober Conversation required in Ministers.

No ecclesiastical persons shall, other than for their honest necessities, resort to taverns, or other places most liable to be abused to licentiousness. Further, they shall not give themselves to any base or servile labour, or to drinking or riot, or to the spending of their time idly. And if any offend in the above, they shall be liable to the ecclesiastical censure of admonition, or suspension, or degradation, as the nature of the case may require, and according to such rules or process as may be provided, either by the General Convention, or by the Conventions in the different States.

CANON XIV.

Of the due Celebration of Sundays.

All manner of persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the LORD'S Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of GOD read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation.

CANON XV.

Ministers to keep a Register.

Every minister of this Church shall keep a register of baptisms, marriages, and funerals within his cure, agreeably to such rules as may be provided by the ecclesiastical authority where his cure lies; and if none such be provided, then in such a manner, as, in his discretion, he shall think best suited to the uses of such a register.

And the intention of the register of baptisms is hereby declared to be, as for other good uses, so especially for the proving of the right of Church membership of those who may have been admitted into this Church by the holy ordinance of Baptism.

And further, every minister of this Church shall, within a reasonable time after the publication of this canon, make out and continue a list of all adult persons within his cure; to remain for the use of his successor, to be continued by him, and by every future minister in the same parish.

And no minister shall place on the said list the names of any persons, except of those, who, on due inquiry, he shall find to have been baptised in this Church; or who, having been otherwise baptised, shall have been received into this Church, either by the holy rite of Confirmation, or by receiving the Holy Communion, or by some other joint act of the parties and of a minister of this Church; whereby such persons shall have attached themselves to the same.

CANON XVI.

A List to be made, and published, of the Ministers of this Church.

The Secretary of the General Convention shall keep a register of all the Clergy of this Church whose names shall be delivered to him, in the following manner; *that is to say*—Every Bishop of this Church, or, where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee of that diocese or district, shall, at the time of every General Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Secretary, a list of the names of all the ministers of this Church in their proper diocese or district, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations in any colleges or other incorporated seminaries of learning, or, in regard to those who have not any cures or such stations, their places of residence only. And the said list shall, from time to time, be published on the Journals of the General Convention.

And further, it is recommended to the several Bishops of this Church, and to the several Standing Committees, that, during the intervals between the meetings of the General Convention, they take such means of notifying the admission of ministers among them, as, in their discretion respectively, they shall think effectual

to the purpose of preventing ignorant and unwary people from being imposed on, by persons pretending to be authorized ministers of this Church.

CANON XVII.

Notice to be given of the Induction and Dismission of Ministers.

It is hereby required, that on the induction of a minister into any church or parish, the parties shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or to the Standing Committee of the diocese or district, notice of the same in the following form, or to this effect.

We, the Churchwardens (*or in case of an Assistant Minister, we, the Rector and Churchwardens*) do certify to the Right Rev. (*naming the Bishop*) that (*naming the person*) has been duly chosen Rector (*or Assistant Minister, as the case may be*) of (*naming the church or churches.*)

Which certificate shall be signed with the names of those who certify.

And if the Bishop, or the Standing Committee, be satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified minister of this Church, he shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

But if the Bishop or the Standing Committee be not satisfied as above, he or they shall, at the instance of the parties, proceed to inquire into the sufficiency of the person so chosen, according to such rules as may be made in the States respectively, and shall confirm or reject the appointment, as the issue of that inquiry may be.

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TENTH CONVENTION

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THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

From October 9th, to October 11th, 1792.

The following Gentlemen Present:

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Minister of said church.

Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rector of St. George's Church, South Hempstead.

Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Albany.

Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Staten Island.

Rev. Mr. Foote, Rector of the Churches at Rye and White Plains.

Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, at Philipsburgh.

Rev. Mr. Bartow, Rector of the Church at New Rochelle.

Rev. Mr. Fowler, Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Peekskill, and of St. Philip's Church, at Beverly.

Rev. Mr. Hammel, Rector of Grace Church, at Jamaica; of St. James' Church, at Newtown; and of St. George's Church, at Flushing.

Rev. Mr. Spierin, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Ulster county.

Rev. Mr. Sands, Minister of the Churches at East Wood, and Islip.

Rev. Dr. Leaming, and Rev. Mr. Rattoone, resident in the city of New York.

The Hon. William S. Johnson, Mr. Robert Watts, and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen, city of New York.

Aquila Giles, Esq., and Mr. Durell, Brooklyn.

Mr. David Titus, Newtown.

Mr. Christopher Smith, and Daniel Kissam, Esq., Jamaica.

Mr. Lambert Moore, Flushing.

Dr. Samuel Martin, and Mr. George Hewlett, South Hempstead.

Mr. Richard Floyd, Setauket.

Mr. Stephen James De Lancey, North Salem.

Hon. Paul Micheau, and James Guion, Esq., Staten Island.

Augustus Van Cortlandt, Esq., and Mr. Gilbert Valentine, Yonkers.

Dr. Isaac Besly, and Mr. William Besly, New Rochelle.

Mr. Abraham Valentine, and Mr. David Guion, East Chester.

Mr. Walter Nichols, Rye and White Plains.

Mr. Daniel Smith, Newcastle.

Mr. Daniel Lefferts, Poughkeepsie.

Mr. James Bramble, and Mr. Nestell, Newburgh.

Cadwallader Colden, Esq., and Mr. Andrew Graham, Ulster county.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Foote, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Spierin.

The Lay Delegates produced the testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read, and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Rattoone was chosen Secretary.

The Convention were informed by the Bishop, that since their last meeting the Rev. Thomas J. Clagget, D. D., had been consecrated Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland—That he had ordained Mr. Harris, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Jackson Sands, and Mr. Ammi Rogers, (the two last now settled in this State) and had consecrated the church at Philipsburgh.

An extract from the Will of St. George Talbot being read, in which he devised in trust, certain sums of money to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for the use and

benefit of the churches at North Castle and Bedford ; which said money is now in possession of Lewis McDonald and others ;

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Hon. William S. Johnson, Rev. Dr. Moore, and Mr. Smith, to prepare a draught of a Deed, to vest said monies in the Corporation of Trinity Church, in trust for the Convention ; to be by them distributed according to the intent and meaning of said Will.

Rev. Dr. Leaming, Rev. Mr. Ellison, and Dr. Samuel Martin, were appointed a Committee to report what business might appear necessary to be taken up at this meeting of the Convention.

Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, half-past ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 1792.

Convention met.

Rev. Mr. Cooper read prayers.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers, from Schenectady, and the Lay Delegates, William Denning, Esq., from Peekskill and Beverly ; Mr. John Van Nostrand, from Brooklyn ; and Mr. Charles Hewlett, from East Wood, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Denning certified to the Convention, that possession had been procured of the parsonage-house and glebe, belonging to the Churches of St. Philip's, at the Highlands, and St. Peter's, near Peekskill—That they had given a call to the Rev. Mr. Fowler, and had provided for his support ; and that the people seemed much pleased with having the Gospel once more preached, and Divine service performed according to the usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Treasurer, Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen, produced his accounts, which were read, and approved ; and for fear of accidents by death or otherwise, he lodged with the Convention, a power of attorney given to Richard Harison, Esq., to act in his name and stead, and to recover the sum of two hundred and ninety pounds, by him the said Treasurer put out on mortgage security.

The Committee appointed yesterday to report what business might appear necessary to come before the Convention at this meeting, made report, and the Rev. Dr. Moore, and the Rev. Dr. Beach were added to the same Committee, in order to devise a plan of interior government for the Church.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Spierin, for his sermon preached before them yesterday.

Dr. Johnson, from the Committee appointed to prepare a draught of conveyance, for certain sums of money devised by St. George Talbot,

Reported, That instead of a particular, a general application ought, in their opinion, to be made to the Society, for a grant to the Corporation of Trinity Church, in the City of New York, in trust for this Convention, of all the property, both real and personal, to which that Society may have just claim, within this State.

This report was approved by the Convention, and the powers of said Committee were enlarged accordingly.

The Rev. Mr. Spierin, Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Colden, were appointed a Committee to inquire into the state of the property at Newburgh, belonging to the Episcopal Church, and now in the possession of other denominations.

Mr. Hugh Gaine was recommended, by the Convention, to print the Book of Common Prayer, according to the act of the last General Convention; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, and the Rev. Mr. Rattoone, were appointed a Committee to correct the press, by the standard book.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee shall apply to the Legislature, to have altered, as far as it respects the Episcopal Church, the style, "Trustees," for that of "Minister, Churchwardens and Vestrymen," in the general law, under which all religious denominations are entitled to incorporate themselves, throughout this State:—and to obtain, if possible, an annual election of their Churchwardens and Vestrymen.

Resolved, That at the State Convention, in the year 1794, the proposal of the General Convention, relative to the investing the House of Bishops with a negative, on the proceedings of the other House, shall again be taken into consideration.

Resolved, That the six additional canons, agreed on by the last General Convention, be inserted in the minutes of this Convention; and the amendments of the 7th canon, of 1789; and the act for supporting missionaries on the frontiers of the United States.

Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Thomas Moore, Rev. Mr. Hammel, Dr. Johnson, Aquila Giles, Esq., and Mr.

Robert Watts, were elected the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, half-past ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1792.

Convention met.

The Committee, on the state of the land belonging to the church at Newburgh, made a report which was agreed to by the Convention, *viz.*, That it be recommended to the members of the Episcopal Church at Newburgh, to take the most eminent counsel on the subject; and in the mean time to support and enlarge the Episcopal Church in that place, to the utmost of their power.

The plan of interior government for the Church, reported by the Committee, was not adopted by the Convention.

The monies due for printing the Journals of the General Convention, were apportioned by a Committee, and paid accordingly.

The following RULES were adopted to regulate the mode of doing business in the Convention:—

I. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayer.

II. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

III. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

IV. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

V. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session.

VI. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house.

VII. Every member who shall be in the Convention, when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

VIII. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless it be seconded and reduced to writing, when required.

IX. When any question is before the Convention it shall be determined on, before any thing new shall be introduced, except the question for adjournment.

X. The question for adjournment shall be always in order, and taken without debate.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Thomas Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Dr. Beach, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Watts, Aquila Giles, and Daniel Hale, Esq's, were elected Delegates to the General Convention.

Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ELEVENTH CONVENTION

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THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

From October 8th, to October 10th, 1793.

At a CONVENTION of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the City of New York, on the 8th of October, 1793—

The following Gentlemen Present :

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rector of St. Peter's, Albany.

Rev. Mr. Bissett, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's, Staten Island.

Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, at Philipsburgh.

Rev. Mr. Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Rev. Mr. Nesbitt, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Rev. Mr. Hammel, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica; St. James' Newtown; and St. George's Flushing.

Rev. Mr. Rattoone, Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages, Columbia College.

Rev. Mr. Sands, Minister of the Church at East Woods and Islip.

Rev. Mr. Rogers, Minister of St. George's Church, Schenectady, and Christ Church, Ballston.

Rev. Mr. Vanhorne, Minister of St. Andrew's, Ulster county.

Mr. Stuyvesant, Mr. Gaine, and Mr. Van Wagenen, from New York.

Hon. Paul Micheau, and John Micheau, Esq., from Staten Island.

Aquila Giles, Esq., Mr. Van Nostrand, and Mr. Powers, from Brooklyn; and Mr. Buckbee, from Newtown.

Mr. Ustick, and John Hicks, Esq., from Flushing.

Mr. Clowes, Mr. Onderdonk, and Samuel Carman, Esq's, from South Hempstead.

Mr. Hewlett, from East Woods.

Mr. Stephen Ward, and Mr. Thomas Bartow, from East Chester.

Augustus Van Cortlandt, Esq., and Mr. Jonathan Warner, from Yonkers.

Mr. Samuel Marvin, from Rye and White Plains.

Absolam Guion, Esq., and Peter Shute, from New Rochelle.

Mr. Daniel Smith, from New Castle.

Cadwallader D. Colden, Esq., from Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Alexander Colden, from Ulster county.

Mr. Williams, from Beekmantown.

Jacob Morris, Esq., from Otsego county.

Bishop Provoost read prayers, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Rattoone.

The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, which were read, and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bisset,

Resolved, That the fifth article of the Rules and Regulations of this Church shall be amended thus: "Every clergyman who is regularly settled in any congregation in this State, or who is a professor or tutor in any college, academy, or other seminary of learning duly incorporated, shall be a member of this Convention, *ex officio*."

The Rev. Mr. Rattoone was chosen Secretary.

Resolved, That every clergyman who shall in future obtain a seat in the Convention of this Church, by election, shall be considered as a member of the Convention only during that session.

On motion of Mr. Van Wagenen,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee, or any two of them, shall be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and make report to each annual Convention.

The Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, half-past ten o'clock.

OCTOBER 9TH, 1793.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Rev. Dr. Beach read prayers.

Minutes of yesterday were read, and approved.

The Bishop informed the Convention, that since their last meeting he had consecrated a church at Duanesburgh, erected solely by Judge Duane, at the expense of upwards of eight hundred pounds, exclusively of the lot of ground on which it stands. The sixty pounds which the Judge had received as a donation from his friends, to assist him in building of the church, he appropriated to the purchase of a handsome set of plate.

A copy of the Deed of Gift of said church and ground, here follows; together with the Form of Consecration.

(Copy.)

I, JAMES DUANE, Proprietor of the Town of Duanesburgh, in the County of Albany, To all whom it may concern. do hereby make known and declare that the Edifice by me lately erected at a Place called the Centre Square of said Town, and the Ground on which said Edifice is situated, are intended, and hereby appropriated for the public Worship of Almighty God, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York; for which Use they shall always remain and continue. And that I have requested, and do hereby pray the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York, to consecrate and set apart the said Edifice, with the Ground on which it is erected, by the Name of Christ-Church, in Duanesburgh, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the said Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the Twenty-fourth Day of August, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-three.

[L. S.]

JAMES DUANE.

This instrument, at the order of the Right Reverend Bishop Provoost, was publicly read in the time of Divine service, immediately before the Consecration, by me,

THOMAS ELLISON,

Rector of St. Peter's, Albany.

In our presence,

SAMUEL PROVOOST,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, New-York.

LEONARD CUTTING,

Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, United States.

(Copy.)

BE it known unto all Men by these Presents, That I, SAMUEL, by Divine Providence Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York, did on this present Day, duly and solemnly consecrate to the Honor and

Service of Almighty God, Christ-Church in the Town and Parish of Duaneburgh, in the County of Albany: And I do hereby publicly and openly declare and pronounce the said Church to be separated from all profane and common Uses.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal, in Duaneburgh aforesaid, this Twenty-fifth Day of August, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-three.

[L. S.]

SAMUEL PROVOOST,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-York.

Bishop Provost further informed the Convention, that he had consecrated a church at Ballston, and that he had there confirmed upwards of two hundred, and administered the Communion to above ninety persons, and was greatly pleased with the rapid growth and extension of that church. That he had also visited Poughkeepsie, and found that in the church of that place there had lately been an accession of some very valuable members.

Richard Harison, Esq., one of the Delegates from Trinity Church, New York, and James Farley, Esq., from Albany, produced their credentials and took their seats.

A memorial was then presented by two of the Trustees of a Society, formerly members of Trinity Church in this city, but since separated; stating to the Convention, that they had erected a house of public worship, and praying that their Delegates might be admitted a seat in this Convention.

On a question, whether the doors of the Convention were at any time open for the admission of those who might wish to hear the debates?—it was determined in the negative.

In consequence of this resolve the Trustees who presented the above memorial, withdrew. After a full and ample discussion was given to the subject of the said memorial, the motion for its rejection being put, the votes were as follows:

CLERGY—*Affirmative*: Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rev. Mr. Hammel, Rev. Mr. Sands.

Negative: Rev. Mr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Bartow, Rev. Mr. Rattoone.

LAITY—*Affirmative*: New York, Staten Island, Newtown, Flushing, South Hempstead, Yonkers, Rye and White Plains, New Castle, Poughkeepsie, Ulster, Otsego, Albany.

Divided: East Chester.

Negative: Brooklyne, New Rochelle.

Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock

OCTOBER 10TH, 1793.

Convention met.

Rev. Mr. Bissett read prayers.

The Rev. Mr. Fowler from Peekskill, took his seat in Convention.

The minutes of yesterday were then read.

The thanks of this Convention were returned to the Rev. Mr. Rattoone, for his sermon delivered at the opening of this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Bissett was added to the Committee appointed to superintend the printing of the Book of Common Prayer.

Ordered, That the business of applying to the Legislature to have the style, Trustees, altered, for Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen, &c., be again given in charge to the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Convention, pay to the Bishop, the sum of eighteen pounds, to defray the expense incurred by his Episcopal visitations.

The accounts of the Treasurer were then examined, and approved, and the thanks of the Convention returned him for the faithful discharge of his important trust.

Mr. Van Wagenen was again unanimously elected Treasurer.

Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Rev. Mr. Hammel, and Josiah O. Hoffman, Mathew Clarkson, Cadwallader Colden, Esq's, and Mr. Stevenson, were appointed the Standing Committee of the Convention.

The Delegates chosen to represent this Church in General Convention, were the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. T. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Augustus Van Cortlandt, Richard Harison, Aquila Giles, Esq's, and Mr. Stevenson.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to superintend the printing of the Common Prayer, be authorized to publish the minutes of this and the preceding Convention.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

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TWELFTH CONVENTION.

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From October 14th, to October 16th, 1794.

List of the Members of the Convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D.D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D.D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D.D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Mr. Thomas Ellison, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

Rev. Mr. Bissett, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Mr. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

Rev. Mr. George H. Spierin, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

Rev. Mr. Samuel Nesbitt, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Rev. Mr. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Philipburgh, and of — Church, East Chester.

Rev. Mr. Andrew Fowler, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, and St. Philip's Church, Philipstown.

Rev. Mr. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Rev. Mr. William Hammell, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, St. James', Newtown, and St. George's, Flushing.

Rev. Mr. John J. Sands, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

Rev. Mr. Ammi Rogers, Minister of St. George's Church, Schenectady, and Christ Church, Ballston.

Rev. Mr. John Ireland, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

Rev. Mr. Frederick Van Horne, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ulster county.

Rev. Mr. — Gardiner, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson.

L A I T Y .

From South Hempstead Dr. Samuel Martin, Mr. George Hewlet, Mr. Richard Thorne, and Mr. Stephen Baldwin.

From Jamaica, Mr. Christopher Smith, and Dr. Jacob Ogden.

From Newtown, John Delafield, Esq., Mr. David Titus, and Mr. Charles Roach.

From Flushing, Mr. Garret Beekman, Mr. Francis Lewis, and Mr. John Hicks.

From Brooklyn, Mr. George Powers, and Mr. Gilbert Van Mater.

From Staten Island, Paul Micheau, Esq., and Mr. Lawrence Hylllyer.

From the city of New York, Robert Watts, Esq., Dr. John Charlton, Richard Harison, Esq., and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen.

From West Chester, Philip J. Livingston, Esq., and Mr. Israel Underhill.

From East Chester, William Popham, and Philip Pell, Esq's.

From New Rochelle, Dr. Isaac Besly, and Mr. Peter Shute.

From Rye and White Plains, Jonathan Horton, and John Barker, Esq's.

From Yonkers, Augustus Van Cortland, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Valentine.

From Bedford and Newcastle, Mr. Daniel Smith.

From Peekskill and Philipstown, Mr. Jarvis Dusenbury.

From Newburgh, Justin Foote, Esq.

From Beekmantown, Mr. Stephen J. De Lancey.

From Poughkeepsie, Mr. James Bramble.

From Hudson, Mr. John Powell.

From Otsego, Jacob Morris, Esq.

From Albany, Henry Cuyler, Esq.

From Ballston, James Emott, Esq.

From Camden, Mr. Isaac Binninger.

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NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 1794.

The Clergy and Delegates assembled in Trinity Church, at half-past ten o'clock A. M.

The Right Rev. Dr. Provoost read prayers, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Bissett.

After Divine service the testimonials of the Delegates were read. Those who appeared to be properly delegated, took their seats; and those who claimed seats under an invalid appointment, were desired to withdraw.

The members then proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary; and the Rev. Mr. Bissett was elected.

Adjourned to half-past ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 1794.

The Convention met.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers read prayers.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Bissett for his sermon preached before them yesterday; and that he be requested to publish the same.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers, in behalf of himself and the Rev. Mr. Van Horne, represented that on the printed Journal of the last Convention, their names were omitted by mistake, in the list of those who voted for the rejection of the memorial of the Society who separated from Trinity Church in the city of New York: which representation appears to this Convention to be true.

A petition was presented from certain persons, styling themselves "The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Christ's Church, in the City of New York," praying to be recognised by the Convention.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Richard C. Moore, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Nesbitt, that the prayer of this petition be granted.

After an ample discussion of the subject, the question was put, and determined in the negative.

The yeas and nays being called for, they appeared as follows :

CLERGY—*Affirmative* : The Rev. Mr. Richard C. Moore, Rev. Mr. Nesbitt, Rev. Mr. Bartow.—3.

Negative : The Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Bisset, Rev. Mr. Spierin, Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rev. Mr. Fowler, Rev. Mr. Hammell, Rev. Mr. Sands, Rev. Mr. Rogers, Rev. Mr. Ireland, Rev. Mr. Gardiner.—11.

LAITY—*Affirmative* : Brooklyn, New Rochelle, Hudson.—3.

Divided : Staten Island, Rye and White Plains.—2

Negative : South Hempstead, Jamaica, Newtown, Flushing, New York—3 votes : West Chester, East Chester, Yonkers, Bedford and Newcastle, Peekskill, Newburgh, Beekmantown, Poughkeepsie, Otsego, Albany, Ballston, Camden.—19.

A petition was presented from the Trustees and other members of the church at Beekmantown, praying that the Convention would recommend Mr. Stephen James De Lancey to the Bishop, as a candidate for the order of Deacons.

On motion to reject this petition, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report was presented from Matthew Clarkson, and Josiah Ogden Hoffman, Esq's, stating that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and found them just and right.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Ellison, from the Standing Committee, reported the steps taken and the progress made by the Committee, in regard to the application to the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York in behalf of this Church.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and approved.

Resolved, That the same business be recommitted to the Standing Committee for the ensuing year ; and that they be requested and enjoined to prosecute it at the next session of the Legislature.

Adjourned to half-past ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1794.

The Convention met.

The Rev. Mr. Ireland read prayers.

The subject of Mr. De Lancey's application for Holy Orders being again taken up and considered,

Resolved, That the Secretary write a letter to the Trustees of the congregation in Beekmantown, informing them that the Con-

vention could not interfere in the business of Mr. De Lancey's ordination ; but that they approve of the zeal manifested by said Trustees, and of their exertions for the good of the Church.

Resolved, That the Bishop be, and he is hereby requested to exert the authority with which he is invested, as Head of this Church, to enforce obedience to all the canons, rules, and regulations of the General and State Convention, more particularly the canons which respect the conduct of clergymen ; to admonish and reprove those who may hereafter act irregularly, and, in case any should persist in disobedience, to report their names to the Convention.

The Convention proceeded to appoint the Standing Committee for the ensuing year ; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Rev. Mr. Spierin, and Matthew Clarkson, Richard Harison, Josiah Ogden Hoffman, and Cadwallader Colden, jun., Esq's, were elected.

The Convention afterwards proceeded to the appointment of Delegates to represent this Church in the General Convention, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, on the second Tuesday of September next ; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Rev. Mr. Spierin, and Richard Harison, Augustus Van Cortlandt, Cadwallader Colden, sen., and Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Esq's, were elected.

Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen was re-elected Treasurer, and the thanks of the Convention given to him for his faithful services in the discharge of his office.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be directed to inquire into, and prosecute the claim which this Church has to a farm at Fort Hunter, and to attend to the state of the church at Newburgh.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

NOTE.—There appears to have been no Convention in 1795.

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION

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OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

From Tuesday, October 11th, to Thursday, October 13th, 1796.

List of the Members of the Convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Henry Vandyke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown.

Rev. John Bissett, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Samuel Nesbitt, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

Rev. Ammi Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston.

Rev. Walter C. Gardiner, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson.

Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, and St. Philip's Chapel, Philipstown.

Rev. John Urquhart, Minister of St. John's Church, Johnstown, and Queen Anne's Chapel, Fort Hunter.

Rev. John Sayrs, Minister of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

L A I T Y .

From Islip, Mr. William Nicoll.

From Brookhaven, Mr. Richard Floyd.

From Hempstead, Mr. George Hewlet, Mr. Samuel Carman, and Mr. Richard Thorn.

From Flushing, Mr. John Hicks.

From Jamaica, Mr. Christopher Smith, and Mr. Levinus Clarkson.

From Newtown, Mr David Titus, and Mr. Charles Roach.

From Brooklyn, Mr. John Van Nostrandt, Mr. George Powers, and Mr. Paul Durell.

From the city of New York, Robert Watts, Esq., Dr. John Charlton, Richard Harison, Esq., and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen.

From West Chester, Israel Underhill, Esq.

From East Chester, William Popham, Esq., and Mr. John Reid.

From New Rochelle, Mr. Robert G. Wetmore.

From Rye and White Plains, General Thomas, and John Barker, Esq.

From Bedford and New Castle, Mr. William Miller, Mr. James McDonalds, and Mr. Marmaduke Foster.

From Poughkeepsie, Mr. John Davis, and Mr. James Bramble.

From Otsego, James Morris, Esq.

From Stillwater, Henry Davis, Esq.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1796.

The Clergy and Delegates assembled in Trinity Church, at half-past ten o'clock A. M.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers read prayers, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Ireland.

After Divine service, the testimonials of the Delegates were read, and approved.

The members then proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary; and Mr. Bisset was chosen.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rogers,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the

Rev. Mr. Ireland, for his excellent sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to publish the same.

On motion of Mr. Bisset,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to revise the rules and regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, to render them consistent with the canons enacted by the General Convention, and to report them in the form of a Constitution; and also to report such canons as may appear conducive to the good government and benefit of this Church.

Accordingly the following members were chosen by ballot a Committee for the said purposes, and in the following order, *viz.*: the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Bisset, Dr. Charlton, Major Popham, and the Rev. Dr. Beach.

Adjourned to half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 1796.

The Convention met.

The Rev. Dr. Beach read prayers.

The congregation of St. John's Church, Stillwater, was, upon application, recognised and received as a church in union with this Convention, and their Delegate, Henry Davis, Esq., admitted to take his seat.

The congregation of Trinity Church, in the town of Waterford, and county of Saratoga, was, upon petition for that purpose signed by the Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen, and presented by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, recognised and received as a church in union with this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, from the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, made a report, which was read.

On motion,

The Constitution as reported was taken up and considered by paragraphs, and, with one amendment, was adopted and ratified.

The first and second canons were taken up and considered by paragraphs, and, with two amendments, were enacted.

The Treasurer gave a statement of his accounts, and produced a certificate signed by two members of the Standing Committee, that they were just and right.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to Mr. Van Wagenen for his faithful services as Treasurer.

Resolved, That Richard Harison, Esq., Rev. Mr. Rogers, and Rev. Mr. Urquhart be a Committee for prosecuting the claim of the Church on the farm at Fort Hunter.

The Convention proceeded to appoint the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, agreeably to the first canon; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Dr. Charlton, Mr. Van Wagenen, and Mr. David Clarkson were elected.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1796.

The Convention met.

The Rev. Mr. Urquhart read prayers.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Beach, that the whole of the proceedings of yesterday respecting the Constitution be rescinded.

After an ample discussion of the subject, the question was put, and determined in the negative.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, from the Committee appointed for that purpose, made a report of some additional canons, which were read.

Three of the canons reported, were taken up and considered by paragraphs, and, with some amendments, were enacted; and the consideration of the rest was postponed to the next Convention.

The congregation of St. John's Church, New Stamford, was, upon application made, and evidence stated by Rev. Mr. Gardiner, recognised and received as a church in union with this Convention.

The congregation of St. James' Church, in the town of Milton, was, upon application made, and evidence stated by the Rev. Mr.

Rogers, recognised and received as a church in union with this Convention.

Mr. Van Wagenen was re-elected Treasurer.

The Convention proceeded to appoint the Standing Committee for the ensuing year; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Ellison, Rev. Mr. Bissett, and Dr. Charlton, and Richard Harison, Josiah O. Hoffman, and Philip Van Rensselaer, Esq's, were elected.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Ireland, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Dr. Charlton, Richard Harison, and Henry Walton, Esq's, and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen, were elected to represent this Church in the General Convention until the meeting of the next State Convention, and until a new election of Deputies take place.

The Convention adjourned.

THE CONSTITUTION

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

In the State of New York.

ARTICLE I. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State on the first Tuesday in October in each year, in such place as shall be determined by the Bishop for the time being.

ART. II. The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church, or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee: And in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Chair, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special Convention.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of the officiating ministers, being regularly admitted and settled in some church within this State which is in union with this Convention, and of lay members consisting of one or more delegates from each

church, to be chosen by the Vestry or Congregation : and clergymen employed as missionaries under the direction of this Convention, and clergymen engaged as professors or instructors of youth in any college, academy, or general seminary of learning duly incorporated, may be members of the Convention.

ART. IV. Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon ; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop.

ART. V. The Bishop shall preside in the Convention ; but in case of a vacancy or necessary absence, the members shall elect a President from among the Clergy.

ART. VI. A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual Convention from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention. His duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession : It shall also be his duty to give due notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

ART. VII. In all matters which shall come before the Convention the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body ; and in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individuals, and the Laity by congregations ; and when more than one church or chapel shall be united under one Vestry, the delegate or delegates of such Vestry shall be entitled to a vote for each church or chapel ; and a majority of votes of the two orders jointly shall be decisive : But if in any case it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

ART. VIII. The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows :—A proposition for an amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention ; and, if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention ; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

C A N O N S
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CANON I.

Whereas by a resolve of the last General Convention, held in Philadelphia, in the month of *September*, 1795, the Act entitled *An Act for supporting Missionaries to preach the Gospel on the Frontiers of the United States* was repealed, as inconvenient and impracticable, and the appropriation of the money collected for that purpose in the several States was remitted to the respective State Conventions, with a recommendation to prosecute that benevolent plan :

It is hereby ordained and directed that a Committee consisting of three clergymen and three laymen, of which the Bishop of this Church for the time being shall be Chairman, shall be elected at each annual Convention, and shall continue in office until their successors shall be appointed. They shall be styled *The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York*; and shall have power to dispose of such monies as now are or hereafter shall be contributed for the purpose aforesaid, in such way as they may judge most expedient, or according to such directions as may hereafter be given them by the Convention; making a report to each annual Convention of their proceedings, and of the state of the funds. And the ministers of this Church are hereby required and enjoined in the month of *September* in each year to preach a sermon and make a collection in their respective congregations for carrying this laudable plan into effect, and to transmit the sums collected to the Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Committee.

CANON II.

Each minister in this Church shall in the month of *May* in each year, preach a sermon on the rights and duties which are peculiarly Episcopal, in which he shall lay before his congregation the dignity and usefulness of the office of a Bishop, and the necessity of supporting it by their voluntary contributions. The money collected on these occasions shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention, to be held by him in trust for the Convention, and shall be permitted to accumulate without diminution, till the annual profits of the fund become adequate to the

support of a Bishop, and then, by mutual consent of the Bishop of this State for the time being and the Convention, the Bishop shall hold no parochial cure, but shall devote himself entirely to the duties which pertain to his Episcopal office.

CANON III.

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notifications, to specify the business and purposes for which the Convention is assembled.

CANON IV.

In order to give effect to the fifteenth canon enacted by the General Convention in 1789, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptized and the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite was performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the communicants within his cure. And it shall be the duty of each minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid fifteenth canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of his parish; which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON V.

As the edification of the people depends greatly on the orderly and devout celebration of public worship, it is hereby required and enjoined that each Minister shall, from time to time, explain to his congregation the Liturgy of the Church, either in regular sermons, or by occasional addresses; laying before them the beauty, order, and fitness of its several parts, and urging them to a due observance of the rubrics.

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION.

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C L E R G Y.

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Rev. Benjamin Moore, D.D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Henry Vandyke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown.

Rev. John Bissett, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Samuel Nesbitt, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

Rev. Elijah D. Rattoone, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, and St. George's Church, Flushing.

Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ulster county.

Rev. Ammi Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston.

Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, and St. Philip's Church, Philipstown.

Rev. John Urquhart, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Fort Hunter, and St. John's Church, Johnstown.

Rev. John Sayrs, Minister of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

L A I T Y .

From Brookhaven, Mr. Richard De Wick.

From Jamaica, Mr. Christopher Smith, and Mr. Edward Barden.

From Flushing, John H. Smith, and Lewis Cornwall, Esq's.

From Newtown, Mr. David Titus, and John Delafield, Esq.

From Brooklyn, Aquila Giles, Esq., and Messrs. John Van Nostrand, and John Fisher.

From Staten Island, Mr. Alexander Cairns.

From the City of New York, Dr. John Charlton, and Messrs. Hubert Van Wagenen, and Moses Rogers.

From East Chester, William Popham, Esq., and Mr. Lancaster Underhill.

From Yonkers, Mr. Shadwick Taylor.

From New Rochelle, Mr. Frederick Guion.

From Rye and White Plains, Mr. Jonathan Purdy.

From Bedford and New Castle, William Miller, Esq.

From Franklin, Messrs. Uriah Mitchell, and Archibald Campbell.

From Fishskill, Peter Mesier, Esq.

From Coldenham, Mr. John J. Banks.

From Beekmantown, Mr. Benjamin Snider.

From Poughkeepsie, Mr. John Mott.

From Milton, Dr. James Henderson.

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NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3D, 1797.

The Clergy and Delegates assembled in Trinity Church, at half-past ten o'clock, A. M.

The Right Rev. Dr. Provoost, read prayers, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Vandyke.

After Divine service, the testimonials of the Delegates were read, and approved.

The members then proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary; and Mr. Bisset was chosen.

The congregation of Christ Church in the town of Franklin, Dutchess county, was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Rogers, and evidence stated by him and other members, recognised and received as a church in union with this Convention; and their Delegates, Mr. Uriah Mitchell and Mr. Archibald Campbell, were admitted to take their seats.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ireland,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Vandyke for his excellent sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to publish the same.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Moore, the minutes of the last Convention, together with the Constitution and Canons, were read.

Adjourned to half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1797.

The Convention met.

The Rev. Mr. Rattoone read prayers.

A report was given in by the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, accompanied with the minutes of the Committee, the letters and journal of the Rev. Mr. Wetmore, and the Treasurer's account of the state of the funds; all which were read, and approved by the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Bisset, Dr. Charlton, Mr. Van Wageningen, and Mr. David Clarkson, were chosen.

The Treasurer gave a statement of his accounts and produced a certificate signed by two members of the Standing Committee, testifying that they were just and right.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to Mr. Van Wageningen for his faithful services as Treasurer.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ireland, a canon was enacted for continuing the powers and functions of certain Committees and officers till a new election take place.

The Rev. Mr. Rattoone proposed a canon for the better ascertaining of the qualifications of candidates for Holy Orders; the further consideration of which, after some discussion, was postponed till to-morrow.

Agreeably to the fourth canon enacted in the last Convention, the Rev. Mr. Rogers and Rev. Mr. Ireland gave in to the Bishop the amount of their parochial registers, with a written account of the state of their parishes. A similar return which had been transmitted by the Rev. Mr. Thomas L. Moore, was also presented. They were read in the Convention, and ordered to be filed by the Secretary.

Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1797.

The Convention met.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers read prayers.

The Rev. Mr. Rattoone, after some discussion of the subject, agreed to the further postponement of the canon proposed by him yesterday; and,

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wandyke, seconded by Rev. Mr. Rattoone,

Resolved, That the Clerical and Lay Deputies from this Convention to the General Convention, be instructed to propose and advocate in that body the obtaining of a more effectual and guarded mode of ascertaining the qualifications of candidates for Holy Orders; and that the Bishop be requested to use his influence for the accomplishment of the same salutary purpose.

The Right Rev. Dr. Provoost, Rev. Mr. Nesbitt, Rev. Mr. Sayrs, and Rev. Mr. Van Horne, gave in the amount of their parochial registers.

The Rev. Dr. Moore communicated to the Convention a letter addressed to him by the Rev. Mr. Ellison, stating that some Lutheran clergymen had, in the name and on the behalf of the Consistory of the Lutheran Church in the State of New York, intimated to him a desire to have it proposed to this Convention that their Church might be united with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and that their ministers might receive Episcopal ordination: Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Ellison, and Rev. Mr. Rogers, be a Committee to meet such gentlemen of the Lutheran Church as may be duly appointed by their ecclesiastical authority to confer with them on this subject; and that, should it appear to the Conferees on the part of this Church proper and necessary to obtain the interposition of the General Convention for the accomplishment of this object, they shall be empowered, with the consent and advice of the Bishop, to make application, in the name of this Convention, to that body at its meeting in September next; and that they shall make report of their proceedings to the next State Convention.

The Convention proceeded to the appointment of the Standing Committee; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Dr. Charlton, General Clarkson, and Guert Van Schoonhoven, and J. O. Hoffman, Esq's, were elected.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rev. Mr. Bissett, Rev. Mr. Rogers, Richard Harison, Henry Walton, John Delafield, Esq's, and Mr. Moses Rogers, were chosen.

Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen was elected Treasurer.

The Convention adjourned.

C A N O N .

It is hereby ordained that the Standing Committee, the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, the Deputies to the General Convention, the Treasurer, and the Secretary, shall continue in office, and exercise their respective functions during the year for which they are appointed, and until a new election take place.

NOTE.—There do not appear to have been any Conventions held in 1798, 1799, or 1800.

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION.

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List of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates

WHO COMPOSED THIS CONVENTION.

The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, in the City of New York.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D.,
Rev. John Henry Hobart, and
Rev. Cave Jones, } Assistant Ministers of Trinity
Church, in the City of New
York.

Rev. Henry Vandyke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown.

Rev. Elijah D. Rattoone, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica,
and St. George's Church, Flushing.

Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester,
and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,
Orange county.

Rev. Robert G. Wetmore, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady, and Christ Church, Duaneburgh.

Rev. Philander Chase, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church, Fishkill.

LAY DELEGATES.

Dr. John Charlton, Robert Watts, Hubert Van Wagenen, and Richard Harison, Trinity Church, New York.

David Titus, and David Purdy, St. James' Church, Newtown.

Christopher Smith, and George Codwise, Grace Church, Jamaica.

Lewis Cornell, John H. Smith, and John B. Hicks, St. George's Church, Flushing.

John Moore, St. George's Church, Hempstead.

Lancaster Underhill, St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

George Powers, William Grigg, and Robert Hodge, St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Augustus Van Cortlandt, and Abraham Fowler, St. John's Church, Yonkers.

Samuel Guilford, and Peter Gerard Stuyvesant, St. George's Church, Schenectady.

John Reed, Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

Peter Mesier, Trinity Church, Fishkill.

Thomas Brown, Joshua Purdy, and Andrew Ogden, Grace Church, Rye, and Church at White Plains.

Joshua Lancaster, St. Peter's, and St. Philip's, Peekskill and Philipstown.

David Olmstead, — — — Churches at Bedford and North-castle.

Uriah Mitchell, Christ Church, Franklin.

Peter Stuyvesant, and William Ogden, St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3D, 1801.

Agreeably to a notification of the Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, this being the day appointed for the meeting of a Special Convention of said Church, the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended in Trinity Church, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M.

The Rev. Mr. Ireland read prayers.

After Divine service, the testimonials of the Delegates were read, and approved of.

The Convention proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary, and the Rev. John Henry Hobart was chosen.

The Right Rev. Bishop Provoost addressed the Convention, and resigned his Episcopal jurisdiction of this diocese.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of a President *pro tem.*, and the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Moore was chosen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. William Smith, of this city, and Mr. Andrew Beers, of St. Paul's Church, New Stamford, be admitted as visitors to the sittings of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. Harison,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report what measures are necessary to be pursued in the present situation of this Church.

The following gentlemen were accordingly appointed by ballot, *viz.*: the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Robert Watts, and Richard Harison, Esq's.

The Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1801.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Wilkins read prayers.

The Committee appointed to consider and report what measures are necessary to be pursued in the present situation of this Church, made a report as follows, *viz.*:

"The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., having declared that he resigned his jurisdiction as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and having expressed his affectionate wishes for the prosperity of the Church in general, and the individual members of the Convention,

"*Resolved*, That the Convention return their thanks to the Bishop for his kind wishes, and whilst they regret that he should have judged himself under the necessity of quitting so suddenly the exercise of the Episcopal office, and those solemn and important duties which are connected with it, they beg leave to assure him of their sincere and fervent prayers that Divine providence

may so guide and govern him in all his ways, as will most conduce both to his temporal and eternal felicity.

“Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Bishop Provoost by the Secretary of the Convention.

“Resolved also, That it be recommended to the Standing Committee to call a Special Convention, to meet in this city in the month of November next, for the purpose of choosing a suitable person to be consecrated as a Bishop, and to have the charge of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.”

The preamble, and the first and second resolutions of the foregoing report were unanimously adopted by the Convention. The last resolution was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Harison,

Resolved, That this Convention will proceed to-morrow morning to the election of a suitable person to be recommended for consecration as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

A memorial was presented from the Corporation of Christ Church, in the city of New York, on the situation of their church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hobart,

Resolved, That this Convention cannot, with propriety, act upon the memorial from the Corporation of Christ Church while this Church is destitute of a Bishop.

The Treasurer presented his accounts, with the following statement from two of the members of the Standing Committee, *viz.:*

“We, the subscribers, two of the Standing Committee of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of said Convention, do certify, that we have carefully examined the same from the 4th day of October, 1797 (being the last time the same was examined), to this day, and find that the Treasurer has at present out on interest the sum of nine hundred and twenty pounds, and in his hands one hundred and thirty-one pounds twelve shillings and four pence, ready to put out as soon as an opportunity shall offer. Witness our hands, this 3d day of September, 1801.

(Signed)

ABRAHAM BEACH,
BENJAMIN MOORE.”

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen for his faithful services as Treasurer.

The Convention took into consideration a resolution of the last General Convention, proposing an alteration in the first Article of the General Constitution; whereupon,

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hobart,

Resolved, That the Delegates from this State to the General Convention be instructed to oppose and vote against the proposed alteration in the first Article of the General Constitution, so far as respects the alteration of the time of meetings of the Convention from three to every five years.

The following gentlemen were appointed, by ballot, a Committee to consider what instructions should be given to the Delegates from this State to the General Convention, on the subject of Articles of Religion, *viz.*: the Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Rev. Mr. Hobart, and Rev. Mr. Ireland.

The Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1801.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Van Dyke read prayers.

The Committee appointed to consider and report what instructions should be given to the Delegates from this State to the General Convention, on the subject of Articles of Religion, made a report, which was read and adopted, as follows:

“That the Delegates to the General Convention from this State be instructed to advocate and vote for the adoption of the Articles of Religion of the Church of England, except such parts as may affect the political government of this country.”

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention, *viz.*: the Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Rev. Mr. Ireland, Rev. Mr. Hobart, John Reed, William Ogden, Robert Watts, and Aquila Giles, Esq's.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, members of the Standing Committee, *viz.*: Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Rattoone, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Jones, Dr. John Charlton, Gen. Matthew Clarkson, Richard Harison, and William Ogden, Esq's.

The Convention then proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a person to be recommended for consecration as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and, on counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, was unanimously chosen by Clergy and Laity.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, "The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York;" agreeably to the first canon of the Church, in this State, passed in the year 1796, *viz.*: the Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Jones, Dr. John Charlton, Hubert Van Wagenen, and David M. Clarkson, Esq's.

The members then proceeded to sign the testimonial required by the canon of the General Convention in favour of the Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop elect of this Church.

The Rev. Mr. Wilkins proposed the following resolutions, the consideration of which was postponed, *viz.*:

1. That no Lay Delegates be admitted to a seat in the Convention, in future, but such as are communicants of this Church, and have been so for at least one year previous to their appointment, to be certified by the Rector, the Churchwardens and Vestry of the parish by whom they are delegated; and that no parish, not having a Rector or regular Episcopal clergyman settled among them, shall have a right of delegation while remaining in that state.

2. That whenever two or more parishes are united in the support of one Minister or Rector, they shall be considered, in respect to delegation to the Convention, as only one parish.

Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen was re-elected Treasurer.

The Convention adjourned.

A P P E N D I X .

The Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop elect of the Church in this State, was consecrated in St. Michael's Church, Trenton, New Jersey, on Friday, the 11th of September, 1801, by the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, presiding Bishop, the

Right Rev. Bishop Claggett, of Maryland, and the Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, of Connecticut, as appears by the certificate of consecration, which follows:

“Know all men by these presents, that we, William White, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, presiding Bishop; Thomas John Claggett, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland; and Abraham Jarvis, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Michael’s Church, in the city of Trenton, on Friday, the 11th day of September, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and one, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in CHRIST, Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, to which the said Benjamin Moore, D. D., hath been elected by the Convention of the said State, in consequence of the inability of the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, and of his declining all Episcopal jurisdiction within the said State.

“In testimony whereof, we have signed our names, and caused our seals to be affixed.

“Given in the city of Trenton, this eleventh day of September, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and one.

“WILLIAM WHITE,	L. S.
“THOMAS J. CLAGGETT,	L. S.
“ABRAHAM JARVIS.	L. S.”

C O N S T I T U T I O N

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

In the United States of America.

C A N O N S ,
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROT. EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following CANONS were agreed on, and ratified in the General Convention of said Church, held in the City of Philadelphia, from the 29th day of September to the 16th day of October, 1789, inclusive.

CANON I.

Of the Orders of the Ministers in this Church.

In this Church there shall always be three orders in the ministry, *viz.*, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

CANON II.

Certificates to be produced on the part of Bishops elect.

Every Bishop elect, before his consecration, shall produce to the Bishops, to whom he is presented for that holy office, from the Convention by whom he is elected a Bishop, and from the General Convention, or a Committee of that body, to be appointed to act in their recess, certificates respectively, in the following words, *viz.* :

Testimony from the Members of the Convention in the State, from whence the Person is recommended for Consecration.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment or notable crime, for which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office. We do moreover jointly and severally declare, that, having personally known him for three years last past, we do in our consciences believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, to the honour of God, and the edifying of His Church, and to be an wholesome example to the flock of CHRIST.

Testimony from the General Convention.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily

conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear our testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment or notable crime, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office, but that he hath, as we believe, led his life, for three years last past, piously, soberly, and honestly.

CANON III.

Of Episcopal Visitation.

Repealed by Canon I. of 1795.

CANON IV.

Of the Age of those who are to be Ordained or Consecrated.

Repealed by Canon III. of 1795.

CANON V.

Of the Titles of those who are to be Ordained.

No person shall be ordained either Deacon or Priest, unless he shall produce a satisfactory certificate from some church, parish or congregation, that he is engaged with them, and that they will receive him as their minister, and allow him a reasonable support; or unless he be engaged as a professor, tutor, or instructor of youth, in some college, academy, or general seminary of learning, duly incorporated; or unless the Standing Committee of the Church in the State, for which he is to be ordained, shall certify to the Bishop their full belief and expectation that he will be received and settled as a pastor, by some one of the vacant churches in that State.

CANON VI.

The Testimonials to be Produced on the part of those who are to be Ordained.

Repealed by Canon II. of 1795.

CANON VII.

Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

Repealed by Canon IV. of 1795.

CANON VIII.

Of the stated Times of Ordination.

Agreeably to the practice of the primitive Church, the stated times of Ordination shall be on the Sundays following the Ember weeks, viz.: the second Sunday in Lent, the Feast of Trinity,

and the Sundays after the Wednesdays following the fourteenth day of September, and the thirteenth of December.

CANON IX.

Of those who, having been Ordained by foreign Bishops, settle in this Church.

No person, not a member of this Church, who shall profess to be Episcopally ordained, shall be permitted to officiate therein, until he shall have exhibited to the Vestry of the church, in which he shall offer to officiate, a certificate, signed by the Bishop of the diocese or district, or, where there is no Bishop, by three clergymen of the Standing Committee of the Convention of that State, that his letters of orders are authentic, and given by some Bishop whose authority is acknowledged by this Church, and also satisfactory evidence of his moral character.

CANON X.

Of the Use of the Book of Common Prayer.

Every minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same shall be set forth and established by the authority of this, or some future General Convention; and until such establishment of an uniform Book of Common Prayer in this Church, every minister shall read the Book of Common Prayer directed to be used by the Convention of the Church in the State in which he resides; and no other prayer shall be used besides those contained in the said book.

CANON XI.

Of the Duty of Ministers, in regard to Episcopal Visitations.

It shall be the duty of ministers to prepare children and others for the holy ordinance of Confirmation. And on notice being received from the Bishop, of his intention to visit any church, which notice shall be at least one month before the intended visitation, the minister shall be ready to present, for Confirmation, those who shall have been previously instructed for the same; and shall deliver to the Bishop a list of the names of those presented.

And at every visitation it shall be the duty of the Minister, and of the Churchwardens, to give information to the Bishop of the state of the congregation, under such heads, as shall have been committed to them in the notice given as aforesaid.

And further, the ministers and Churchwardens of such congregations as cannot be conveniently visited in any year, shall bring, or send to the Bishop, at the stated meeting of the Convention of the diocese or district, information of the state of the congregation, under such heads as shall have been committed to them, at least one month before the meeting of the Convention.

CANON XII.

Notorious Crimes and Scandals to be Censured.

If any persons within this Church offend their brethren by any wickedness of life, such persons shall be repelled from the Holy Communion, agreeably to the rubric, and may be further proceeded against, to the depriving of them of all privileges of Church membership, according to such rules of process as may be provided, either by the General Convention, or by the Conventions in the different States.

CANON XIII.

Sober Conversation required in Ministers.

No ecclesiastical persons shall, other than for their honest necessities, resort to taverns, or other places most liable to be abused to licentiousness. Further, they shall not give themselves to any base or servile labour, or to drinking or riot, or to the spending of their time idly. And if any offend in the above, they shall be liable to the ecclesiastical censure of admonition, or suspension, or degradation, as the nature of the case may require, and according to such rules or process as may be provided, either by the General Convention, or by the Conventions in the different States.

CANON XIV.

Of the due Celebration of Sundays.

All manner of persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the LORD'S Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation.

CANON XV.

Ministers to keep a Register.

Every minister of this Church shall keep a register of baptisms, marriages, and funerals within his cure, agreeably to such rules as may be provided by the ecclesiastical authority where his cure lies; and if none such be provided, then in such a manner as, in his discretion, he shall think best suited to the uses of such a register.

And the intention of the register of baptisms is hereby declared to be, as for other good uses, so especially for the proving of the right of Church membership of those who may have been admitted into this Church by the holy ordinance of Baptism.

And further, every minister of this Church shall, within a reasonable time after the publication of this canon, make out and continue a list of all adult persons within his cure; to remain for

the use of his successor, to be continued by him, and by every future minister in the same parish.

And no minister shall place on the said list the names of any persons, except of those, who, on due inquiry, he shall find to have been baptised in this Church; or who, having been otherwise baptised, shall have been received into this Church, either by the holy rite of Confirmation, or by receiving the Holy Communion, or by some other joint acts of the parties and of a minister of this Church; whereby such persons shall have attached themselves to the same.

CANON XVI.

A List to be made, and published, of the Ministers of this Church.

The Secretary of the General Convention shall keep a register of all the Clergy of this Church whose names shall be delivered to him, in the following manner; *that is to say*—Every Bishop of this Church, or, where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee of that diocese or district, shall, at the time of every General Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Secretary, a list of the names of all the ministers of this Church in their proper diocese or district, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations in any colleges or other incorporated seminaries of learning, or, in regard to those who have not any cures or such stations, their places of residence only. And the said list shall, from time to time, be published on the Journals of the General Convention.

And further, it is recommended to the several Bishops of this Church, and to the several Standing Committees, that, during the intervals between the meetings of the General Convention, they take such means of notifying the admission of ministers among them, as, in their discretion respectively, they shall think effectual to the purpose of preventing ignorant and unwary people from being imposed on, by persons pretending to be authorized ministers of this Church.

CANON XVII.

Notice to be given of the Induction and Dismission of Ministers.

It is hereby required, that, on the induction of a minister into any church or parish, the parties shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or to the Standing Committee of the diocese or district, notice of the same in the following form, or to this effect.

We, the Churchwardens (or, in case of an Assistant Minister, we, the Rector and Churchwardens) do certify to the Right Rev. (naming the Bishop) that (naming the person) has been duly chosen Rector (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be) of (naming the church or churches.)

Which certificate shall be signed with the names of those who certify.

And if the Bishop, or the Standing Committee, be satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified minister of this Church, he shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

But if the Bishop, or the Standing Committee, be not satisfied as above, he or they shall, at the instance of the parties, proceed to inquire into the sufficiency of the person so chosen, according to such rules as may be made in the States respectively, and shall confirm or reject the appointment, as the issue of that inquiry may be.

Passed October 16th, 1789.

House of Bishops.

SAMUEL SEABURY, *Bp. Connect. Pres*

WILLIAM WHITE, *Pennsylvania.*

Attested, JOSEPH CLARKSON, *Secretary.*

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM SMITH, *President.*

Attested, FRANCIS HOPKINSON, *Secretary*

ADDITIONAL CANONS,

PASSED 1792.

CANON I.

Of Clergymen claiming to be Ministers of this Church.

For a more full accomplishment of the good purposes to be answered by the 16th canon, enacted by the last General Convention, it is hereby required, that every clergyman, claiming to be a minister of this Church, shall deliver in his name to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Chairman, or some member of the Standing Committee, of the Church in the State in which he resides, on or before Easter Monday, 1793; or, if he be not within any of the States which have acceded to the Constitution of this Church, then within three months after he shall come to reside in any of the said States. And every clergyman, during his neglect of conformity to this canon, shall not be known as a clergyman of this Church, or be admitted to minister in any office of the same.

CANON II.

Of a Clergyman in any Diocese chargeable with Misdemeanor in any other.

If a clergyman of the Church, in any diocese or district within this union, shall, in any other diocese or district, conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the rules of this Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall give notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese or district to which such offender belongs, exhibiting, with the information given, the proofs of the charges made against him.

CANON III.

Of publishing the Sentence of Degradation against a Clergyman.

Whenever a clergyman shall be degraded, agreeably to the canons of any particular Church in the union, the Bishop who pronounces sentence shall, without delay, cause the sentence of degradation to be published from every pulpit where there may be an officiating minister, throughout the diocese or district in which the degraded minister resided; and also shall give information of the sentence to all Bishops of this Church; and, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee.

CANON IV.

Of the Declaration which may be prefixed to certain Signatures.

In regard to the first certificate required in favour of a Bishop elect, by the 2d canon of the last General Convention, and the certificate required in favour of a candidate for Priests' or Deacons' orders, by the 6th canon; if there be any members of the bodies respectively concerned, who have not the requisite personal knowledge of the parties, such persons may prefix the following declaration to their signatures:

"We believe the testimony contained in the above certificate; and we join in the recommendation of A. B. to the office of —, on sufficient evidence offered to us of the facts set forth."

Provided, that in the case of a Priest or Deacon, two at least of the Standing Committee sign the same, as being personally acquainted with the candidate.

The above canon is repealed, in part, by Canon II. of 1795.

CANON V.

Of the Officiating of Strangers.

No stranger shall be permitted to officiate in any congregation of this Church, without first producing the evidences of his being a minister thereof to the minister, or, in case of vacancy or absence, to the Churchwardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of the con-

gregation. And in case any person not regularly ordained shall assume the ministerial office, and perform any of the duties thereof in this Church, the minister, or in case of vacancy or absence, the Churchwardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of the congregation, where such offence may be committed, shall cause the name of such person, together with the offence, to be published in as many of the public papers as may be convenient.

CANON VI.

Of one Clergyman officiating within the Parochial Cure of another Clergyman.

Repealed by Canon V. of 1795.

House of Bishops.

SAMUEL PROVOOST, *President.*

Attested, L. CUTTING, Secretary.

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM SMITH, *President.*

Attested, J. BISSET, Secretary.

C A N O N S

PASSED 1795.

CANON I.

Of Episcopal Visitation.

Every Bishop in this Church shall visit the churches within his diocese or district, for the purpose of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behaviour of the Clergy, and administering the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. And it is deemed proper that such visitations be made once in three years at least, by every Bishop, to every church within his diocese or district, which shall make provision for defraying the necessary expenses of the Bishop at such visitation. And it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Minister and Vestry of every church or congregation to make such provision accordingly.

The Bishop of any Diocese, State, or District, may, on the invitation of the Convention, or Standing Committee of the Church in any State where there is not a Bishop, visit and perform the Episcopal offices in that State, or part of the State, as the case may be, provision being made for defraying his expenses as aforesaid; and such State, or part of a State, shall be considered as annexed to the district or diocese of such Bishop, until a Bishop

is duly elected and consecrated for such State, or until the invitation given by the Convention or Standing Committee be revoked. But it is to be understood, that to enable the Bishop to make the aforesaid visitations, it shall be the duty of the Clergy, in such reasonable rotation as may be devised, to officiate for him in any parochial duties which belong to him. And no State shall proceed to the election or appointment of a Bishop, unless there be at least six presbyters residing and officiating therein, a majority of whom, at least, shall concur in such election. But the Conventions of two or more States, having together nine or more settled and officiating presbyters, may associate, and join in the election of a Bishop.

The third canon of the year 1789 is hereby rescinded.

CANON II.

Of the Testimonials to be Produced on the part of those who are to be Ordained.

Every candidate for Holy Orders shall be recommended to the Bishop by a Standing Committee appointed by the Convention of the Church in that State wherein he resides, which recommendation shall be signed by the names of a majority of the Committee, and shall be in the following words:—

“ We, whose names are hereunder written, testify, that A. B. hath laid before us satisfactory testimonials, that for the space of three years last past, he hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and moreover we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of . In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this day of , in the year of our LORD .”

But before a Standing Committee in any State shall proceed to recommend any candidate, as aforesaid, to the Bishop, such candidate shall produce, from the Minister and Vestry of the parish where he resides, or from the Vestry alone, if the parish be vacant; or, if there be no Vestry, from at least twelve respectable persons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the neighbourhood in which he resides, testimonials of his good morals and orderly conduct for three years last past, and that he has not, so far as they know and believe, written, taught or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; a publication of his intention to apply for Holy Orders having been previously made by such Minister or Vestry. He shall also lay before the Standing Committee testimonials to the same effect, signed by at least one respectable clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, from his personal knowledge of the candidate for at least one year.

In every State, in which there is no Standing Committee, such Committee shall be appointed at its next ensuing Convention; and, in the mean time, every candidate for Holy Orders shall be recommended according to the regulations or usage of the Church in each State, and the requisitions of the Bishop to whom he applies.

The 6th canon, passed in October, 1789, concerning the "testimonials to be produced on the part of those who are to be ordained," and so much of the 4th canon, passed in 1792, as relates to the subject of this canon, are hereby rescinded.

CANON III.

Of the Age of those who are to be Ordained or Consecrated.

Deacons' orders shall not be conferred on any person until he shall be twenty-one years old, nor Priests' orders on any one until he shall be twenty-four years old; and unless he shall have been a Deacon one year. No man shall be consecrated a Bishop of this Church until he shall be thirty years old.

The 4th canon of the year 1789 is hereby rescinded.

CANON IV.

Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

No person shall be ordained in this Church, until he shall have satisfied the Bishop and the two presbyters, by whom he shall be examined, that he is well acquainted with the holy scriptures, can read the New Testament in the original Greek, and give an account of his faith in the Latin tongue; and that he hath a competent knowledge of natural and moral philosophy and Church history, and hath paid attention to composition and pulpit eloquence, as means of giving additional efficacy to his labours; [unless the Bishop shall judge it proper to dispense with the above requisites in part, in consideration of certain other qualifications in the candidate peculiarly fitting him for the Gospel ministry.]

The 7th canon of the year 1789 is hereby rescinded.

N. B. The last clause of this canon marked thus [] was repealed by the 4th canon of 1799.

CANON V.

Of the officiating of Ministers of this Church in the Churches, or within the Parochial Cures, of other Clergymen.

No clergyman belonging to this Church shall officiate, either by preaching or reading prayers, in the parish or within the parochial cure, of another clergyman, unless he have received express

permission for that purpose from the minister of the parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the Churchwardens and Vestrymen, or Trustees of the congregation. But if any minister of a church shall, from inability, or any other cause, neglect to perform the regular services to his congregation, and shall refuse his consent to any other minister of this Church to officiate within his cure, the Churchwardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of such congregation, shall, on proof of such neglect and refusal before the Bishop of the diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, before the Standing Committee, or before such persons as may be deputed by him or them, or before such persons as may be, by the regulations of this Church in any State, vested with the power of hearing and deciding on complaints against clergymen, have power to open the doors of their churches to any regular minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The 6th canon of 1792 is hereby rescinded.

CANON VI.

Of the Preparatory Exercises of a Candidate for the Ministry.

Every candidate for the ministry shall give notice of his intention to the Bishop, or to such body as the Church in the State in which the candidate resides may have appointed to superintend the instruction of candidates for Holy Orders, at least one year before his ordination. And if there be a Bishop within the State or District where the candidate resides, he shall apply to no other Bishop for ordination, without the permission of the former. And the said candidate shall pass through the preparatory exercises which the Bishop, or such body aforesaid, may appoint; such as composing of theses, homilies, or sermons, one or more, to be delivered, either publicly or privately, in his or their presence, at such time or times as may be appointed by the authority aforesaid.

And this canon shall be in force from and after the first day of January next.

CANON VII.

For the better accomplishing of the Objects of the 6th Canon of 1792.

Whereas there is no provision made in the "6th canon of 1792," for the case of such a vicinity of two or more churches, as that there can be no local boundaries drawn between their respective cures, it is hereby ordained, that in every such case, no minister of this Church, other than the parochial Clergy of the said cures, shall preach within the common limits of the same, in any other place than in one of the churches thereof, without the consent of the major number of the parochial Clergy of the said churches.

CANON VIII.

To prevent a Congregation, in any Diocese or State, to unite with a Church in any other Diocese or State.

Whereas a question may arise, whether a congregation within the diocese of any Bishop, or within any State in which there is not yet any Bishop settled, may unite themselves with the Church in any other Diocese or State; it is hereby determined and declared that all such unions shall be considered as irregular and void; and that every congregation of this Church, shall be considered as belonging to the body of the Church of the diocese, or of the State within the limits of which they dwell; or within which there is seated a church to which they belong. And no clergyman having a parish or cure in more than one State, shall have a seat in the Convention of any State, other than that in which he resides.

CANON IX.

To empower the Bishop in each Diocese or District to compose Forms of Prayer or Thanksgiving for extraordinary Occasions.

The Bishop of each diocese or district may compose forms of prayer or thanksgiving, as the case may require, for extraordinary occasions, and transmit them to each clergyman within his diocese or district, whose duty it shall be to use such forms in his church on such occasions. And the Clergy in those States in which there is no Bishop, may use the form of prayer or thanksgiving composed by the Bishop of any other State.

Done in Convention, and signed by order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D., *Presiding Bishop.*

WILLIAM SMITH, D. D.,
President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

C A N O N S

PASSED 1799.

CANON I.

Of the Mode of calling Special Meetings of the General Convention.

The right of calling special meetings of the General Convention shall be in the Bishops. This right shall be exercised by the presiding Bishop, or, in the case of his death, by the Bishop who, according to the rules of the House of Bishops, is to preside at the next General Convention; *provided*, that the summons shall be with the consent, or on the requisition of a majority of the Bishops, expressed to him in writing.

The place of holding any Special Convention shall be that fixed on by the preceding General Convention, for the meeting of the next General Convention, unless circumstances, to be judged of by the Bishops, shall render a meeting at such place unsafe ; in which case the Bishops shall appoint some other place.

CANON II.

Of the Consecration of Bishops in the Recess of the General Convention.

If, during the recess of the General Convention, the Church in any State should be desirous of the consecration of a Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Church in such State may, by their President, or by some other person, or persons, specially appointed, communicate the desire to the Standing Committees of the churches in the different States, together with copies of the necessary testimonials : and if the major number of the Standing Committees shall consent to the proposed consecration, the Standing Committee of the State concerned may communicate the evidences of such consent, together with the other testimonials, to any three Bishops of this Church, who may thereon proceed to the consecration. The evidences of the consent of the different Standing Committees shall be in the form prescribed for the General Convention in the “2d canon of 1789 :” and without the aforesaid requisites, no consecration shall take place during the recess of the General Convention.

CANON III.

Explanatory of Part of the 1st Canon of 1795.

No clergyman, employed by the year, or for any limited time, shall be considered as a regularly officiating and resident minister of the Church in any State, for the purpose expressed in the two concluding sentences of the 1st canon of 1795, entitled, “a canon concerning Episcopal Visitation.”

CANON IV.

Repealing in part the 4th Canon of 1795, concerning the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

Whereas, by the canon of 1795, entitled, “of the learning of those who are to be ordained,” a power is vested in Bishops of dispensing with certain enumerated requisites in part, which power is not only too indefinitely expressed, but may be abused ; so much, therefore, of the said canon as authorises Bishops to dispense with any of the qualifications required in candidates for Holy Orders, is hereby repealed.

By Order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D., *Presiding Bishop.*

By Order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM SMITH, D. D., *President.*

C A N O N S

PASSED 1801.

CANON I.

Respecting those who discontinue all Exercise of the Ministerial Office without lawful Cause, &c.

If any person, having been ordained in this Church, or having been otherwise regularly ordained and admitted a minister in this Church, shall discontinue all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or shall avow that he is no longer a minister of this Church, or shall live in the habitual disuse of the public worship, or of the Holy Eucharist, according to the offices of this Church—such person, on due proof of the same, or on his own confession, shall be liable to be degraded from the ministry.

CANON II.

Limiting the Operation of the 4th Canon of 1795.

The Bishop of this Church, in any State, with the advice and consent of all the clerical members of the Standing Committee of his diocese, may dispense with the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, which are required by the 4th canon of 1795.

CANON III.

Prescribing the Mode of Publishing authorised Editions of the Common Prayer Book, &c.

The Bishop of this Church, in any State, or, where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee, are authorised to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons to compare and correct all new editions of the Common Prayer Book, Book of Offices, &c., by some standard book; and a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected shall be published with said books. And in case any edition shall be published without such correction, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to give public notice that such edition is not authorised by the Church. The Bishop of this Church, in Pennsylvania, is hereby authorised to set forth an edition of the Articles of Religion, which, when published, shall be the standard copy. The octavo edition of the Common Prayer Book, published in New York in 1793, by Hugh Gaine, and the quarto edition of the Book of Offices, &c., of the same year, published in the same place, are hereby established as standard books, with the exception of errors evidently typographical; the correction of which errors is confided to such person or persons as the Bishop or Standing Committee may appoint for superintending any publication.

CANON IV.

Making an Addition to the 1st Canon of 1795, concerning Episcopal Visitation.

It shall be the duty of every Bishop of this Church to keep a register of his proceedings at every visitation of his diocese, and particularly of the names and age of the persons confirmed, and to report a copy of such register to the House of Bishops, at every triennial meeting of the General Convention of this Church, in order that the same may be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be preserved among the general records of the Church.

The above canons passed in Convention, September, 1801.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D., *Presiding Bishop.*

By Order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

ABRAHAM BEACH, D. D., *President.*

A PRAYER

To be used at the Meetings of Convention, adopted in General Convention, 1799.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, by thy HOLY SPIRIT, didst preside in the council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son JESUS CHRIST, to be with thy Church to the end of the world; we beseech thee to be present with the council of thy Church here assembled in thy name and presence. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern us in our present work, by the mighty power of the HOLY GHOST, that the comfortable Gospel of CHRIST may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, satan, and death; till at length the whole of thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and death of JESUS CHRIST our Saviour. *Amen.*

RESOLUTION

Of the Bishops, the Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention, in the City of Trenton, the 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1801, respecting Articles of Religion.

The Articles of Religion are hereby ordered to be set forth with the following directions to be observed in all future editions of the same; that is to say—

The following to be the title, *viz.* :

“Articles of Religion, as established by the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention, on the 12th day of September, in the year of our LORD 1801.”

The Articles to stand as in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, with the following alterations and omissions, *viz.* :

In the 8th Article, the word *three* in the title, and the words *three—Athanasius’ Creed*, in the article, to be omitted, and the article to read thus :

“ART. 8.

“*Of the Creeds.*

“The Nicene Creed, and that which is commonly called the Apostles’ Creed, ought thoroughly to be received and believed ; for they may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture.”

Under the title, “article 21,” the following note to be inserted, *viz.* :

“The 21st of the former articles is omitted, because it is partly of a local and civil nature, and is provided for, as to the remaining parts of it, in other articles.”

The 35th article to be inserted with the following note, *viz.* :

“This article is received in this Church, so far as it declares the books of homilies to be an explication of Christian doctrine, and instructive in piety and morals. But all references to the Constitution and laws of England are considered as inapplicable to the circumstances of this Church, which also suspends the order for the reading of said homilies in churches until a revision of them may conveniently be made, for the clearing of them, as well from obsolete words and phrases, as from the local references.”

The 36th article, entitled, “Of Consecration of Bishops and Ministers,” to read thus :

“The book of consecration of Bishops, and ordering of Priests and Deacons, as set forth by the General Convention of this Church in 1792, doth contain all things necessary to such consecration and ordering ; neither hath it any thing that, of itself, is superstitious and ungodly : and, therefore, whosoever are consecrated or ordered according to said form, we decree all such to be rightly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.”

The 37th article to be omitted, and the following substituted in its place :

“*Of the Power of the Civil Magistrate.*

“The power of the Civil Magistrate extendeth to all men, as well Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal, but hath no authority

in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all men who are professors of the Gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the civil authority, regularly and legitimately constituted.”

Adopted by the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D., *Presiding Bishop.*

Adopted by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

ABRAHAM BEACH, D. D., *President.*

C O N S T I T U T I O N

*Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, as adopted
October 11, 1796.*

[See Journal of 1796, page 79.]

C A N O N S

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.

CANONS PASSED 1796.

[See Journal of 1796, page 81.]

C A N O N

PASSED 1797.

[See Journal of 1797, page 87.]

SIXTEENTH CONVENTION;

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ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;
HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
On Tuesday, October 5th, and Wednesday, October 6th, A. D. 1892.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Richard Bradford, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill.

The Rev. Philander Chase, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church, Fishkill.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. Henry Van Dyke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown.

The Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Orange county.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The Rev. Robert G. Wetmore, Rector of Christ Church, Duaneburgh, and St. George's Church, Schenectady.

LAY DELEGATES.

Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.

Christ Church, New York, George Warner, George Dominick.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, J. Davis.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Christopher Smith, John Motley.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Thomas Colden.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, J. Van Buskirk, N. Britton, W. B. Gifford, G. W. Barnes.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, William Grigg.

St. George's Church, Flushing, John H. Smith.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, Thomas Clowes, Richard Thorne.

St. George's Church, Schenectady, Samuel Gilford.

St. James' Church, Newtown, David Purdy.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, Abraham Fowler, Isaac Laurence.

St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Peter G. Stuyvesant.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Peter Stuyvesant, William A. Hardenbrook.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Peter Mesier.

Trinity Church, New York, John Charlton, Robert Watts, Hubert Van Wageningen.

——— Churches, at Bedford and Newcastle, William Miller.

——— Churches, in Otsego county, James Morris.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1802, A. M.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended in Trinity Church, where prayers were read by

the Rev. Mr. Harris, and a sermon delivered by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled, and the certificates of the several Lay Delegates were read, and approved of.

The Bishop informed the Convention that he considered the following clergymen as regular clergymen of this Church, and duly inducted into their respective parishes; and they took their seats in Convention accordingly: *viz.*, the Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery; Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson; Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. Richard Bradford, Rector of St. Luke's Church Cattskill. It also appeared that this latter church was duly incorporated, and it was recognized and received into union with this Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, and the Rev. John Henry Hobart was duly chosen.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, for his sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for publication.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the Rev. Mr. Seabury, of Connecticut, be admitted as a visitor to the sittings of this Convention.

The memorial of the Corporation of Christ Church, in the city of New York, presented to the last Convention, was called up and read; and, on motion,

Resolved unanimously, That when the Bishop shall express to this Convention that he is satisfied with the acknowledgments made to him by the rector and congregation of Christ Church, the said rector and congregation be received into communion with the Church.

The Secretary was ordered to furnish the rector of Christ Church with a copy of this resolution.

The resolutions relative to the qualifications of Lay Delegates, &c. to a seat in the Convention, which were proposed at the last Convention, and postponed, were called up; and a division of them being required, the Convention took into consideration the following resolutions, *viz.*:

Resolved, That no Lay Delegates be admitted to a seat in this Convention, in the future, but such as are communicants of this Church, and have been so for at least one year previous to their appointment, to be certified by the Rector, the Churchwardens and Vestry of the parish by whom they are delegated.

Without coming to a decision on this resolution, the Convention adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 1802.

The Convention met.

The Rev. Mr. Judd read prayers.

The Bishop informed the Convention that the rector and congregation of Christ Church had made to him acknowledgments which he deemed satisfactory. Accordingly, in pursuance of the resolution of yesterday, the Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rector of Christ Church, took his seat in the Convention: and the certificate of the Lay Delegates from the said church was read, and approved of.

The resolution under consideration yesterday, recurring, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted in its stead, *viz.*:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the welfare and prosperity of the Church require, and it is in itself proper and right, that no Lay Delegates should be sent to this Convention, but such as are communicants of this Church, and have been so at least for one year previously to their appointment. And that it be recommended to the several parishes to adopt this principle, and, as far as possible, to carry it into effect in their future delegations.

The Convention unanimously adopted the following proposed canons, *viz.*: Canons prescribing the mode of presenting and trying clergymen; a Canon enjoining it on the Clergy to officiate occasionally in vacant parishes; and a Canon regulating the mode in which alms and contributions at the Holy Communion are to be applied.

The Treasurer presented the following statement of the funds for the support of the Episcopate, *viz.*:

“We the subscribers, two of the Standing Committee of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in the State of New York, appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of said Convention, do certify, that we have examined

the same from the third day of September last to this day, and do find them just and right, and that the Treasurer has at present out on interest (on good security shown to us) the sum of twelve hundred and twenty pounds, and that the Treasurer is at present in advance the sum of five pounds, two shillings and five pence. Witness our hands, this fifth day of October, 1802.

“ABRAHAM BEACH,
“J. H. HOBART.”

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the Treasurer for his attention and services.

The Clergy present were separately called upon to inform the Convention whether they had, in their respective churches, during the past year, preached the sermons, and made the collections prescribed by the first and second canons of the Church in this State, passed in 1796. Agreeably to the fourth canon of the same year, several of the Clergy reported to the Bishop their parochial registers, which were read, and ordered to be preserved by the Secretary, among the records of the Convention. And the delinquent Clergy were ordered to transmit their returns, without delay, to the Secretary.

The Convention unanimously adopted a proposed Office of Induction into the rectorship of parishes; and a proposed canon prescribing the use of the said office at the induction and settlement of every rector.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee for the past year, and of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel, were read. From these last minutes it appeared that the Rev. Davenport Phelps, Deacon, was employed as a missionary on the frontiers of the State, subject to instructions delivered to him by the Bishop: and from several communications from him it appeared that he was zealously prosecuting the objects of his mission.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, members of the Standing Committee: Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Harris, Dr. Charlton, Richard Harison, Matthew Clarkson, and William Ogden, Esq's.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, members of “the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York,” agreeably to the first canon of the Church in this State, of 1796, *viz.*: the Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Dr. John Charlton, Hubert Van Wagenen, and David M. Clarkson, Esq's. The Bishop being, *ex officio*, a member and President of the Committee.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention: Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Harris, John Reed, Hubert Van Wagenen, Robert Watts, and William Ogden, Esq's.

Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The Journals of the Convention, and the Office of Induction, were ordered to be printed.

The Bishop expressed to the Convention his satisfaction at the unanimity and harmony which had prevailed during the sitting, and his earnest wish and expectation that every individual would zealously endeavour to advance the interests of Religion and the Church.

The Convention rose.

Attested, J. H. HOBART, *Sec'y.*

A P P E N D I X .

RESOLUTION

PASSED AT THIS CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1802.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that the welfare of the Church requires, and it is in itself proper and right, that no Lay Delegates should be sent to this Convention, but such as are communicants of this Church, and have been so for at least one year previously to their appointment. And that it be recommended to the several parishes to adopt this principle, and, as far as possible, to carry it into effect in their future delegations.

CANONS

PASSED AT THIS CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1802.

The first four Canons prescribe the mode of trying Clergymen.

CANON I.

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a clergyman in this Church for misbehaviour shall be on presentment made to the Bishop by the Convention,

by the Vestry of the parish to which a clergyman belongs, or by three or more presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

For the trial of a clergyman, the Bishop shall nominate eight presbyters, out of whom the person accused may choose five; or if he neglect or refuse to do this, the Bishop shall appoint five; who shall be constituted a Board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall appoint the time and place of trial, of both which at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, or any three of them, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on a testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a majority of the whole Board shall be necessary to a decision. The Board having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, shall communicate this decision to the Bishop; and also, in case they have found the accused person guilty, the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case is to be final.

CANON III.

Of the Sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of Misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry, or excommunication, and shall be pronounced by the Bishop only in convocation.

CANON IV.

Of the Presentment and Trial of a Bishop.

Presentment of the Bishop of this Church shall only be made by the Convention of this State to three or more Bishops of the Church in the United States, who shall proceed in the case as they may think proper.

CANON V.

Enjoining it on the Clergy to officiate occasionally in Vacant Parishes.

It is hereby enjoined on every clergyman in this diocese to officiate at least once in every three months in some of the vacant

parishes in his neighbourhood, and to render to the Convention, at every annual meeting, a statement of the parishes in which he has officiated. And unless the parishes make provision for defraying his expenses, the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in this State shall be answerable for them.

CANON VI.

Directing the Mode in which Alms and Contributions at the Holy Communion are to be applied.

Whereas doubts have arisen as to the mode in which alms and contributions at the administration of the Holy Communion are to be applied; it is hereby declared, that they shall be deposited with the minister of the parish, to be applied to such charitable and pious purposes as he may think proper. And he shall annually exhibit to the Vestry an account of the money received and expended.

CANON VII.

Prescribing the Office of Induction.

No minister shall be considered as regularly inducted or settled hereafter, as the rector of any parish, except he has been inducted or settled according to the Office of Induction, prescribed by this Convention.

Attested,

J. H. HOBART,

Secretary of the Convention.

SEVENTEENTH CONVENTION.

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OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ALBANY,

On Tuesday, October 4th, and Wednesday, October 5th, 1863.

**List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.**

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Richard Bradford, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill.

The Rev. Philander Chase, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church, Fishkill.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts.

The Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State.

The Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Gamaliel Thatcher, Rector of Christ Church, Ballstown, St. James' Church, Milton, and St. John's Church Stillwater.

The Rev. John Urquhart, Principal of the Jonhstown Academy.

The Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Orange county.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

LAY DELEGATES.

Christ Church, Ballstown, Henry Walton, Eliud Davis.

Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.

Christ Church, New York, George Warner.

St. George's Church, Schenectady, John W. Brown, Richard Wiggins.

St. James' Church, Goshen, William M. Thompson.

St. James' Church, Milton, Nathan Worden.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, William Egan, Joseph Newton.

St. John's Church, Otsego, Joseph Tunnickliff.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, Brabazen Noble.

St. Luke's Church, Catskill, John Blanchard, James Bell.

St. Luke's Church, Richfield, Ezben Pringle.

St. Paul's Church, Paris, Gideon Seymour.

St. Peter's Church, Albany, John Stevenson, Goldsborough Banyer.

St. Paul's Church, Stamford, Andrew Beers.

ALBANY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1803.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the city of Albany having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting, several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, in the morning, the consecration of St. Peter's Church, in said city, by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, when prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Harris, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hobart. In the afternoon prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, and a sermon on the occasion of the opening of the Convention was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins.

After Divine service the Convention assembled, and the certificates of the several Lay Delegates were read, and approved of.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and

Treasurer, when the Rev. John H. Hobart was chosen Secretary, and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen, Treasurer.

The certificate of the incorporation of St. James' Church, Goshen, was read. This church was accordingly recognized and received into union with the Convention.

The Convention adjourned unto to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1803.

The Convention attended Divine service on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Frederick Beasley into the rectorship of St. Peter's Church, when prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, the induction performed by the Rev. Mr. Hobart, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Harris.

After Divine service the Convention assembled, and the certificate of induction of the Rev. Frederick Beasley into the rectorship of St. Peter's Church being read, he was admitted to a seat in the Convention. The Convention then adjourned to four o'clock in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1803, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, for his sermon delivered yesterday at the opening of the Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The minutes of the Standing Committee, and of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, and also communications from the Rev. Mr. Phelps, a missionary, containing an account of his transactions on his mission, were severally read.

A canon was proposed, and unanimously adopted, directing that the parochial reports prescribed by the fourth canon of the Church in this State, of 1796, should be regularly inserted on the Journals.

A resolution was proposed, and unanimously adopted, recommending to the Clergy to present, with their next parochial

reports, a view of *their respective congregations since their foundation.

A canon was proposed, and adopted, enjoining it on the Clergy to attend the Convention, and recommending to the respective parishes to make provision for their expenses.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, which were accordingly rendered. And they also rendered an account of the collection in their respective churches for the Episcopate and Missionary Funds, and an account of the different vacant parishes in which they had officiated during the past year.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, delegates to the General Convention: Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Harris, Robert Watts, William Ogden, Henry Walton, John Reed.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, members of the Standing Committee: Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Dr. Charlton, Richard Harison, Mathew Clarkson, and William Ogden.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, members of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York: Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Jones, Dr. Charlton, H. Van Wagenen, and D. M. Clarkson. The Journals of the Convention were ordered to be printed.

The Bishop addressed the Convention, congratulating them on the flourishing state of the diocese, and enforcing the necessity of continued zeal and exertion in advancing the interests of Religion and the Church.

The Convention rose.

Attested, J. H. HOBART, *Sec'y.*

A P P E N D I X .

RESOLUTION

PASSED AT THIS CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1803.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the Clergy, to present, with their next parochial reports, a view of their respective congregations since their foundation, as far as they may be

able to obtain information ; stating particularly the time when the churches were built, the names and succession of the rectors and ministers, the names of those who have been benefactors to the churches, and *generally* whatever information may tend to throw light on the history of their respective parishes.

CANONS

PASSED AT THIS CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1803.

CANON I.

The Parochial Reports of the Clergy to be inserted regularly on the Journals.

It is hereby ordered, that the parochial reports which the Clergy, by the fourth canon of the Convention of this State of 1796, are required to render annually to the Convention, shall be regularly printed with the Journals, after they have undergone the inspection and approbation of the Convention.

CANON II.

The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention, and Provision to be made for their Expenses.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of every Convention the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence. It is hereby earnestly recommended to the different parishes to make provision for the expenses of their Clergy and Lay Delegates in attending the Convention, either by a collection for the purpose on a Sunday, or out of the funds of their churches.

Attested,

J. H. HOBART, *Sec'y.*

EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION.

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OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK,

From Tuesday, October 2d, to Thursday, October 4th, 1904.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Peter Anthony Albert, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Assistant Minister of do.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Richard Bradford, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill.

The Rev. Abraham Lynsen Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers,

The Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. Richard Channing Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. George Strebeck, Deacon, officiating in the congregations at Bedford and its vicinity.

The Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Orange county.

LAY DELEGATES.

Bedford and Northcastle, the United Churches, William Miller.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church, William Grigg, Robert Hodge, William Furman.

Flushing, St. George's Church, John H. Smith, William Prince.

Hempstead, St. George's Church, George Hewlett, James Gildersleeve.

Jamaica, Grace Church, James Mackarel, David Rowland.

New Rochelle, Trinity Church, David Coutant.

Newtown, St. James' Church, John Alsop.

New York, Christ Church, George Warner, George Dominick.

New York, Du St. Esprit, Richard Harison, John Kemp.

New York, St. Mark's Church, Bowery, Peter Stuyvesant.

New York, Trinity Church, John Charlton, H. Van Wagenen, John Onderdonk.

North Salem, St. James' Church, Joshua Purdy.

Rye, Christ Church, John Haight.

Staten Island, St. Andrew's Church, James Guion, George W. Barne, Ab. Van Buskirk, John Van Buskirk.

Yonkers, St. John's Church, Shadrach Taylor, Frederick Underhill.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 2d, 1804.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting; the Right Rev. Bishop

Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended at 10 o'clock A. M. in Trinity Church; when prayers were read by the Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, and a sermon, on the occasion of the meeting of the Convention, delivered by the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled, and the following named Clergy appeared, and took their seats:

The Rev. Peter Anthony Albert, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Assistant Minister of ditto; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Richard Bradford, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill; Rev. Abraham Lynsen Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. John Henry Hobart, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson; Rev. Richard Channing Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. George Strebeck, Deacon, officiating in the congregations at Bedford and its vicinity; Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Orange county.

The following named Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention did not appear:

Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Moral Philosophy, &c., in Columbia College; Rev. Philander Chase, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church, Fishkill; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Deacon, Missionary; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of the Churches, Otsego county; Rev. Joseph Perry, New Stamford; Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary; Rev. Gamaliel Thatcher, Missionary; Rev. John Urquhart, Principal of the Academy, Johnstown; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The certificates of the appointment of the several Lay Delegates were read, and approved of.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and Treasurer, when the Rev. John Henry Hobart was chosen Secretary, and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Cooper, for his sermon delivered before the Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, and for the history of their respective parishes, agreeably to a resolution of the last Convention. Several of these parochial reports and histories were read; when the Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3D, 1804, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Moore.

The Convention finished the reading of the parochial reports and history of the congregations of the Church.

The following resolutions were moved and seconded :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention prepare, before its next annual meeting, a proper book, in which the *views* of the several congregations of the Church, presented to this body pursuant to a resolution of the last Convention, together with the parochial reports, and any similar documents, may be recorded for the use of the Church, under the orders of any future Convention.

The question being taken on the above resolution, it was determined in the affirmative.

Resolved, That such *views* as have been already presented be laid before the next State Convention; and that, in the mean time, the Clergy be at liberty to correct their respective statements, if they shall judge it necessary.

The question being taken on the above resolution, it was determined in the affirmative.

Resolved, as the sense of this body, That no publication except communications from the Bishop, ought to be sanctioned by an order of Convention, until the same shall have been submitted to, and received the approbation of a select Committee, to be appointed by the Bishop, or, in case there is no Bishop, by the President of the Convention.

The sense of the Convention was taken by orders on the question, "Shall the question on this resolution be now put?" and there not being a concurrence of both orders against taking the question on the above resolution, the question recurred on the resolution.

It was then moved and seconded, that the aforesaid resolution be postponed. The question on this motion was taken by orders, and there not being a concurrence of both orders in favour of the motion, it was lost.

The question was then taken on the resolution, by orders, and there not being a concurrence of both orders in favour of the resolution, it was lost.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1804, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Jones.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to investigate the claim of the Church at Newburgh to some land in the neighbourhood of said town, and to take such steps in the same as they may think proper. The Bishop, in conjunction with Dr. Beach, the Rev. Mr. Van Horne, and Richard Harison, Esq., were appointed the Committee.

The certificates of the incorporation of St. Paul's Church, Claverack, and St. Paul's Church, Warwick, were read, and the said Churches received into union with the Convention.

The following report from the Bishop and Committee for Propagating the Gospel, &c., was presented, and read :

"The Bishop and Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, agreeably to the requisition of the canon providing for their appointment, make the following report of their proceedings, and of the state of the funds :

"There have been four missionaries who have acted under the direction of the Committee since the last Annual Convention.

"The Rev. Davenport Phelps, who has been employed as a missionary for these three years past, has continued his labours during the past year in the western part of the State. From October, 1803, to April, 1804, the date of the last accounts from him, he had performed Divine service at Paris, at Hamilton, at Sullivan, and at Pompey; and at each of these settlements had baptised several children, and at Paris had administered the Holy Communion. He also states, that a church had been organized in the town of Manlius, and that there appeared a disposition to organize, at a favourable period, churches in

other towns. By a reference in one of his letters to a letter which the Committee have not received, it appears that he had visited and re-visited several of the new settlements, as he hopes, to some good purpose. The family of Mr. Phelps residing out of the State, his necessary attention to them has somewhat interfered with the business of his mission. The Committee, however, have reason to expect that he removed his family the last spring into this State, and that, during the summer, he has been discharging the duties of his mission with that zeal and activity which have hitherto uniformly distinguished him.

“Mr. Jonathan Judd, who was ordained Deacon in February last, was engaged by the Bishop and Committee as a missionary. Since he entered on his mission, he has performed Divine service at Lebanon Springs, Schenectady, Troy, Lansingburgh, Stephentown, several places in the vicinity of Hudson, Balltown, Charltown, New Stamford, and, in August last, at Chenango. This last place he visited by the special direction of the Bishop, who had received a letter from the Vestry of the congregation there, praying, in the most respectful and urgent terms, for ministerial aid. The congregation there, though destitute for several years of the ministrations of the Priesthood, had regularly assembled on Sundays, when the prayers of the Church and sermons were read. Their pious zeal and attachment to the Church were thus kept alive. They received Mr. Judd with the greatest cordiality and affection; and he has reason to expect that good effects will arise from his ministrations, &c., among them. After leaving Chenango, Mr. Judd visited Paris, Cambden, Townships Nos. 7 and 8, Utica, and Redfield; and after setting out on his journey to Lowville, a town on the Black river, was obliged to return on account of the badness of the road. Mr. Judd states, that at Utica they were building a church; and at Paris their diligence and zeal were worthy of high commendation. He expected to be engaged till the last of October in visiting the churches at Lowville, at Onondago, at Norwich in the county of Chenango, and those below upon the Mohawk. At the different places which he visited he baptised several children. Mr. Judd’s communications are very full and satisfactory, and the Bishop and Committee have every reason to be satisfied with his diligence and zeal in his mission.

“The Rev. Gamaliel Thatcher was engaged as a missionary the beginning of June, and has since performed Divine service, at various times, at Schenectady, at Johnstown, at Stillwater, at Schactecoke, at Balltown, at Utica, at Litchfield, and at Milton. In the district in which these places are situated Mr. Thatcher appears to have diligently laboured. He baptised several children and adults; and, on Tuesday, August 14, he organized a church at Utica, by the name of Trinity Church.

“The Rev George Strebeck, Deacon, has officiated, since August last, as a missionary, in the congregations at Bedford and its vicinity, where he is now settled.

“The Bishop and Committee cannot refrain from earnestly calling the attention of the pious and wealthy members of our communion to the destitute situation of their brethren in the northern and western parts of the State. They are earnest and pressing in their wishes to be supplied with a ministry that will promulgate to them the truths of salvation as professed by our Apostolic and Primitive Church. To gratify their wishes; to carry among them the enlightening and consoling truths of salvation; thus to extend the kingdom of the Redeemer, and to be instrumental in advancing the everlasting happiness of mankind, are the most exalted objects that can occupy the labours of the ministers of CHRIST, and the charitable zeal of His disciples.

“There is at present in the hands of the Treasurer £242; almost the whole of which will be necessary to defray the expenses of the past year.

“Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART,

“*Secretary of the Committee.*”

The following certificate relative to the Treasurer's accounts was presented, and read :

" We, the subscribers, do certify, That we have examined the Treasurer's accounts, from the 5th day of October, 1802, being the last time the same were examined, to this day, and find them just and right; and that the Treasurer has at present out on interest on approved security, the sum of fifteen hundred and eighty-one pounds, and in his hands twenty-three pounds nineteen shillings. Witness our hands this 29th day of September, 1804.

" ABRAHAM BEACH, }
" JOHN CHARLTON, } *Committee.*

" The above money constitutes the Episcopal Fund."

The Clergy rendered an account of the collections in their respective churches for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, and an account of the different vacant parishes in which they had officiated since the last annual Convention.

The thanks of the Convention were returned to the Treasurer for his faithful services as Treasurer.

A canon, providing for carrying into effect the canons of the General Convention, and the requisition of the House of Bishops relative to the examination and studies of candidates for the ministry, was proposed, and adopted.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, delegates to the General Convention—Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Dr. Charlton, W. Ogden, R. Harison, Gen. Clarkson.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, members of the Standing Committee—Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Harris, Gen. Clarkson, Dr. Charlton, W. Ogden, R. Harison.

The following gentlemen were chosen, by ballot, members of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York—Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Jones, Dr. Charlton, H. Van Wagenen, D. M. Clarkson.

The Bishop then addressed the Convention at considerable length on the state of the diocese, &c., and adjourned the Convention with prayer.

Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The following PAROCHIAL REPORTS were delivered in at this Convention, and are printed, pursuant to the fourth Canon of 1796, and the first Canon of 1803, of the Convention of this State, and the eleventh Canon of the General Convention of 1804.

Reports of the State of the Congregations

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

From October, 1803, to October, 1804.

Albany, St. Peter's Church ; Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector.—Baptisms, 60 ; communicants, about 80 ; marriages, 20 ; funerals, 12.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church ; Rev. John Ireland, Rector.—Baptisms, 20 ; communicants, 77 ; marriages, 18 ; funerals, 20 ; number of families, near 70.

Cattskill, St. Luke's Church ; Rev. Richard Bradford, Rector.—Baptisms, 22 ; communicants, 12 ; marriages, 2 ; funerals, 3 ; number of families, 48.

Hudson, Christ Church ; Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector.—Baptisms, 16 ; communicants, 15 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 3 ; number of families, 55.

New York, The Parish of Trinity Church, comprehending Trinity Church, St. George's Chapel, and St. Paul's Chapel ; Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector, Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Rev. John H. Hobart, Rev. Cave Jones, Assistant Ministers.—Baptisms, 378 ; communicants, about 1000 ; marriages, 115 ; funerals, 400.

New York, Christ Church ; Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rector.—Baptisms, 210 ; communicants, about 300 ; marriages, 65 ; funerals, adults 16, children 22—38.

New York, St. Mark's Church, Bowery ; Rev. William Harris, Rector.—Baptisms, 10 ; communicants, about 20 ; marriages, 2 ; funerals, 2.

New York, The French Church Du St. Esprit ; Rev. Peter Anthony Albert, Rector, Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Assistant Minister.—Baptisms, 3 ; communicants, about 12 ; number of male members, 66.

The service is performed in French every Sunday morning by the Rector, and in English every Sunday afternoon by the Assistant Minister.

New Rochelle, Trinity Church ; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, 5 ; communicants, 18 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals to which the Rector has been called, 5.

Newtown, St. James' Church ; Flushing, St. George's Church ; Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector.—*St. James' Church, Newtown.* Baptisms, 20 ; adult baptisms, 3 ; communicants, 23 ; new communicants, 3 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 7 ; number of families, 28 ; removals into the parish, 2 ; removals out of the parish, 2.

St. George's Church, Flushing ; Baptisms, 17 ; adult baptisms, 3 ; communicants, 20 ; marriages, 3 ; funeral, 1.

Orange County, St. Andrew's Church ; Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector.—Baptisms, 45 ; communicants, about 50 ; marriages, 6 ; funerals, 7.

Rye, Christ Church ; Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector.—Baptisms, 5 ; communicants, 30 ; marriages, 9 ; funerals 12.

Reports of the state of the other parishes were not delivered in.

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THIS CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1804.

“ *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention prepare, before its next annual meeting, a proper book, in which the *views* of the several congregations of the Church, presented to this body pursuant to a resolution of the last Convention, together with the parochial reports, and any similiar documents, may be recorded for the use of the Church, under the orders of any future Convention.

“ *Resolved*, That such *views* as have been already presented be laid before the next State Convention, and that, in the mean time, the Clergy be at liberty to correct their respective statements, if they shall judge it necessary.

CANON

PASSED AT THIS CONVENTION, OCTOBER, 1804.

For carrying into effect the Canons of the General Convention, and the Requisition of the House of Bishops relative to the Studies, Preparatory Exercises, and Examinations of Candidates for the Ministry.

For carrying into complete effect the canons of the General Convention concerning the learning and preparatory exercises of candidates for the ministry, and also the requisitions of the House

of Bishops relative to a course of ecclesiastical studies, it is hereby provided; that to every candidate for the ministry there shall be assigned four different examinations, at such times and places as the Bishop may appoint; which examinations shall take place in the presence of the Bishop and as many presbyters as can conveniently be convened, on the following studies and books prescribed by the canons of the General Convention, and the course of study established by the House of Bishops.

At the first examination, on some approved treatise of *Natural Philosophy*, *Moral Philosophy*, and *Rhetoric*. At the second examination, on *Paley's Evidences*, and *Stackhouse's Body of Divinity*. At the third examination, on *Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History*, the *fifth and seventh Books of Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity*, *Reeves on the Common Prayer*, and the *Constitution and Canons of the Church*. And, at the last examination, he shall be required to give a full account of the different *Books of Scripture*, and to explain difficult passages, it being understood that he has studied the Scriptures with the aid of some good Commentary. He shall also at this time be examined on the *Greek Testament*, and required to give an account of his faith in the Latin tongue. At each of these examinations he shall produce and read a sermon, composed by himself, on some text previously assigned him, which shall be submitted to the criticism of the Bishop and Clergy present. And, immediately before his ordination, he shall be required to read the service of the Church, and to deliver a sermon, in the presence of the Bishop and Clergy; in order that from their remarks he may be aided in reading the service, and in delivering his sermons with propriety and devotion. At every examination, if the proficiency of the candidate in the particular subjects of his examination should be approved by the Bishop and Clergy present, he shall receive a certificate, stating their approbation of the same.

If the candidate should not reside convenient to the residence of the Bishop, the Bishop may appoint some of his presbyters to conduct the above examinations; and a certificate from these presbyters, that the prescribed examinations have been held accordingly, shall be required of the candidate: provided that, in this case, the candidate shall, before his ordination, be examined by the Bishop and at least two presbyters on all the above named books and studies.

In the case of a candidate ordained under the 6th canon of the General Convention of 1804, a single examination by the Bishop and presbyters, on all the above books and studies, shall be admitted instead of separate examinations.

A candidate for Priests' orders shall, before his ordination, be required to undergo an examination, in presence of the Bishop

and as many presbyters as can conveniently be convened, on the following books, contained in the higher course of study prescribed by the House of Bishops: *The Scholar Armed*—*Potter on Church Government*--*Daubeny's Guide to the Church*—*Archbishop Wake's Translation of the Epistles of the Apostolic Fathers*—the *Rev. William Reeves' Translation of the Apologies of Justin, Tertulian, &c.*, with his *Preface on the Right Use of the Fathers*—*Pearson on the Creed*—*Bishop Wilson's Parochialia*—and *Wheatley on the Common Prayer*.

Every candidate for orders shall also satisfy the Bishop that he has carefully studied the sermons of *Barrow*, of *Secker*, of *Horne*, and of *Seabury*, and has constantly endeavoured, "by the grace of God, to cultivate his heart," by using some of the *devotional* and *practical* books recommended in the course of study established by the House of Bishops.

In case there should be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee shall act in his place for the purpose of carrying into effect this canon.

Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART,
Secretary of the Convention.

NINETEENTH CONVENTION.

JOURNAL

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH, POUGHKEEPSIE,

October 1st, and October 2d, 1865.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

C L E R G Y.

The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Philander Chase, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church, Fishkill.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, and St. Paul's, Claverack.

The Rev. Jonathan Judd, Deacon in St. Paul's Church, Paris, and Trinity Church, Utica.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of the Churches in Otsego county.

The Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. George Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of Christ Church, Balltown, and the Churches adjacent.

LAY DELEGATES.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck, James Cooper.

Christ Church, Hudson, John Thurston, H. L. Hosmer.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, John Moore.

St. Paul's Church, Claverack, Samuel B. Webb.

Bedford and Newcastle, Peter A. Jay, William Miller.

St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy.

St. Luke's Church, Catskill, John Reed.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Reed, Esq.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, Cornelius Schuyler, Jordan Mott.

St. Paul's Church, Charlton, James Emmet.

St. Peter's Church, Washington, Dutchess county, Azor Rug-gles.

St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, and St. Philip's Church, Philips-town, Henry Garrison.

Christ Church, New York, David Marsh.

POUGHKEEPSIE, OCTOBER 1ST, 1805.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and the town of Poughkeepsie having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting; The Right Rev. Bishop Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended at 10 o'clock A. M., in Christ Church; when Divine service was performed by the Rev. Daniel Nash, and in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Jones, who was appointed for the purpose, a sermon delivered by the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled, and the list of the Clergy being called over agreeably to the second canon of

this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats :

The Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. Philander Chase, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church Fishkill; the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; the Rev. John Henry Hobart, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, and St. Paul's Church, Claverack; the Rev. Jonathan Judd, Deacon, officiating at Utica and Paris; the Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternuts; the Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The following Clergy were absent :

The Rev. Peter Anthony Albert, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church New Rochelle; Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Assistant Minister of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. David Butler, officiating at Troy and Lansingburgh; Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn;* Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; Rev. Joseph Perry, officiating in the Church at New Stamford; Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. George Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of Christ Church, Balltown, and the Churches adjacent; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The Lay Delegates presented the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats :

From St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck, and James Cooper; Christ Church, Hudson, John Thurston, and H. L. Hosmer;

* The Rev. Mr. Ireland attended at Poughkeepsie, but was prevented by severe indisposition from meeting with the Convention.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, John Moore; St. Paul's Church, Claverack, Samuel B. Webb; Bedford and Newcastle, Peter A. Jay, and William Miller; St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy; St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, John Reed.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and Treasurer, when the Rev. John Henry Hobart was chosen Secretary, and Mr. Hubert Van Wagenen, Treasurer.

The Convention then adjourned to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2D, 1805, HALF-PAST 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met, and the Rev. Mr. Strebeck read prayers; and a sermon, on the occasion of the meeting of the Convention, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Jones.

The Rev. Mr. Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery; the Rev. Mr. Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Mr. Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; the Rev. Mr. Van Horne, Rector of the Churches at Balltown, Charlton, &c. appeared, and took their seats in Convention.

A certificate of the incorporation of St. Stephen's Church, in the city of New York, was read and approved, and this Church was received into union with the Convention.

The certificates of several Lay Delegates were presented and approved, and the following Delegates took their seats: Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Reed, Esq.; St. Stephen's Church, New York, Cornelius Schuyler, Jordan Mott; St. Paul's Church, Charlton, James Emmet; St. Peter's Church Washington, Dutchess county, Azor Ruggles; St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, and St. Philip's Church, Philipstown, Henry Garrison; Christ Church, New York, David Marsh.

Agreeably to the canon of the Church enjoining the attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, the Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, which were accepted.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, and also for an account of the collections in their respective churches for

the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, which were severally presented, and read. They also rendered an account of the different parishes in which, during the past year, they had officiated.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention—Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Rev. Mr. Moore, Matthew Clarkson, Richard Harison, John Moore, John Reed.

The following persons were chosen members of the Standing Committee—Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Hobart, John Charlton, Richard Harison, Matthew Clarkson, William Ogden.

The following persons were chosen members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, of which Committee the Bishop is president, *ex officio*—Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Hobart, John Charlton, Hubert Van Wagenen, David M. Clarkson.

The Convention adjourned.

Attested, JOHN H. HOBART, *Sec'y*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The following PAROCHIAL REPORTS were presented to this Convention, and are printed, pursuant to the fourth Canon of 1796, and the first Canon of 1803, of the Convention of this State, and the eleventh Canon of the General Convention of 1804.

Reports of the State of the Congregations

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

From October, 1804, to October, 1805.

Albany, St. Peter's Church; Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector.—Baptisms, 70; marriages, 14; funerals, 15.

A few new communicants since the last report, when the number was about 80.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church ; Rev. John Ireland, Rector.—Infants baptised 43, adults 8—51; communicants, 78; marriages, 19; internments, 15.

The new church at Brooklyn was consecrated by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, on Thursday, the 30th May, 1805. At the same time 37 persons were confirmed.

Balltown, Charlton, Milton, and Stillwater, United Parishes ; Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector.—*Balltown, Christ Church* ; Baptisms from the 20th May, 1805, infants 8, adults 2—10; communicants, 60; marriages, 2; funerals, 3; heads of families, 65.

Charlton, St. Paul's Church. Baptisms, 9; communicants, 50; heads of families, 40.

Milton, St. James' Church. Baptisms, infants 18, adults 1—19; communicants, 50; funerals, 3; heads of families, 41.

Stillwater, St. John's Church. Baptisms, 3; communicants, 25; funeral, 1; heads of families, 22.

St. George's Parish, Hempstead, consisting of *St. George's Church, South Hempstead, and Christ Church, North Hempstead* ; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, 49; communicants, 100; marriages 25; burials, 11.

Christ Church, Hudson, and St. Paul's Church, Claverack ; Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector.—Baptisms, 11; marriages, 7; burials, 10.

Poughkeepsie, Christ Church, and Trinity Church, Fishkill ; Rev. Philander Chase, Rector.—*Christ Church, Poughkeepsie*. Baptisms, infants 14, adults 34—48; communicants, 53.

Trinity Church, Fishkill. Baptisms, infants 9, adults 18—27; communicants, about 30.

The Churches in Otsego county ; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector.—Baptisms, from 1803, 106; communicants, about 125; marriages, 11; burials, 16.

Paris, St. Paul's Church ; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Deacon, Officiating Minister. Baptisms, 5; communicants, 45.

The Parish of Trinity Church, New York, consisting of *Trinity Church, and St. George's and St. Paul's Chapels* ; Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 378; communicants, 1000; marriages, 144; funerals, 470.

*Christ Church, New York** ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 152 ; communicants, 205 ; marriages, 20.

The French Church Du St. Esprit, New York ; Rev. Peter Anthony Albert, Rector.—Baptisms, 4 ; communicants, about 16 ; funerals, 3 ; families, 66.

The French Protestant Episcopal Church Du St. Esprit, was consecrated by the Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, on the 30th of May, 1803.

The Rev. Peter Anthony Albert, the Rector, performs Divine service in the French language in the morning. The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, his Assistant Minister, officiates in the English language in the afternoon.

* Presented since the meeting of the Convention.

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The Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. George Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of Christ Church, Balltown, and St. Paul's Church, Charlton.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following officiating Clergy in the State of New York attended, and were admitted to honorary seats:

The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. Joseph Warren, St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, and St. Philip's Church, Philipstown.

LAY DELEGATES.

Christ Church, Rye, John Guion.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, Cornelius Schuyler, Abraham Fowler, Jacob C. Mott.

St. James' Church, Newtown, David Moore, Jacob Moore.

St. George's Church, Flushing, David Hogeland, Abraham Bloodgood.

Grace Church Jamaica, Timothy Nostrand, David Rowland.

Christ Church, New York, George Warner, George Dominick.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, William Grigg, Samuel Sackett.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Joseph Bedell, Nathaniel Britton, James Guion, Walter Dongan.

Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp, John Pintard.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, James Valentine.

Trinity Church, New York, Anthony L. Bleecker, John Onderdonk.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, Stephen Carman, John Moore.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, Harry Peters.

Bedford and Northcastle, Peter A. Jay, William Miller.

St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Andrew Graham.

St. John's Church, Huntington, Shubael Smith.

Trinity Church, Athens, Joseph Prentiss.

Caroline Church, Setauket, William Jayne.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, David Coutant.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 7TH, 1806.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and the city of New York being appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting; the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church; when Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, delivered by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled, and the list of the Clergy being called over agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle; the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing; the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; the Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; the Rev. John Henry Hobart, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. John Ireland, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; the Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; the Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; the Rev. George Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; the Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector of Christ Church, Balltown, and St. Paul's Church, Charlton; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy were absent:

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, an Assistant Minister of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; the Rev. A. G. Baldwin, Deacon, Missionary in the western parts of the State; the Rev. — Bulkley, Deacon, officiating at Poughkeepsie; the

Rev. David Butler, Troy and Lansingburgh; the Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York, the Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, and St. Paul's Church, Claverack; the Rev. Jonathan Judd, Deacon, officiating at Utica and Paris; the Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's Church, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternuts; the Rev. Joseph Perry, officiating in the Church at New Stamford; the Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State; the Rev. J. Reed, Deacon, officiating in St. Luke's Church, Catskill.

The Lay Delegates presented the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats:

From Christ Church, Rye, John Guion; St. Stephen's Church, New York, Cornelius Schuyler, and Abraham Fowler; St. James' Church, Newtown, David Moore, and Jacob Moore; St. George's Church, Flushing, David Hogeland, and Abraham Bloodgood; Grace Church, Jamaica, Timothy Nostrand, and David Rowland; Christ Church, New York, George Warner, and George Dominick; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, William Grigg, and Samuel Sackett; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Joseph Bedell, Nathaniel Britton, James Guion, and Walter Dongan; Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp, and John Pintard; St. John's Church, Yonkers, James Valentine; Trinity Church, New York, Anthony L. Bleecker, and John Onderdonk; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Stephen Carman, and John Moore; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Harry Peters; Bedford and Northcastle, Peter A. Jay, and William Miller; St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy; St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Andrew Graham; St. John's Church, Huntington, Shubael Smith; Caroline Church, Setauket, William Jayne.

The certificates of the incorporation of Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Coxsackie, in this State, were read, and approved, and those churches received into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That no Lay Delegates shall represent more than one incorporated church. Whereupon Mr. Joseph Prentiss, who had been elected as Lay Delegate from two incorporated churches took his seat as Delegate from Trinity Church, Athens.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, officiating in St. George's Church, Schenectady, (not being inducted according to

the Office of Induction prescribed by the General Convention,) be admitted to an honorary seat in this Convention, and that the Rev. Andrew Fowler, at present officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica, be admitted to the same privilege.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart was elected the Secretary of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 1806, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met, and prayers were read, by the Rev. F. Beasley.

The Rev. Cave. Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York, who was prevented by sickness from attending the Convention yesterday, appeared, and took his seat. The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, an Assistant Minister of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, also appeared, and took his seat. Mr. David Coutant, a Lay Delegate from Trinity Church, New Rochelle, appeared, and took his seat, and also Mr. Jacob C. Mott, a Lay Delegate from St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Warren, officiating in the Churches at Peekskill and Philipstown, was admitted to an honorary seat.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance, which reasons were accepted.

The Clergy were called on for the parochial reports, which are required by the fourth canon of 1796 of the Church in this State, and which were rendered and inserted on the Journals agreeably to the eleventh canon of the General Convention of 1804.

Reports of the State of the Congregations

OF THE

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From October, 1805, to October, 1806.

Albany, St. Peter's Church ; Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector.
 —Baptisms, 90 ; communicants, 80 ; funerals, 20 ; marriages, 25.

Balltown and Charlton ; Rev. Frederick Van Horne, Rector.—
Balltown, Christ Church. Baptisms, infants 50, adults 4—54 ;

marriages, 4; deaths, 8; communicants, 65; heads of families, 70.

Charlton, St. Paul's Church. Baptisms, infants 22, adults 2—24; marriages, 3; death, 1; communicants, 50; heads of families, 40.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church; Rev. John Ireland, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 39, adults 2—41; marriages, 21; interments, (including 2 at Foster Meadow and 3 at Potter's Field,) 13; communicants, 76.

The congregation is in an increasing state.

Newtown, St. James' Church, and St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector.—*St. James' Church, Newtown.* Baptisms, 9; marriages, 3; funerals, 5; communicants, 28.

St. George's Church, Flushing. Baptisms, infants 10, adults 3—13; marriages, 4; funerals, 5; funerals at Jamaica, 3; funeral at Brooklyn, 1.

The Parish of Trinity Church, New York, consisting of *Trinity Church,* and *St. George's and St. Paul's Chapels;* Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 372; marriages, 119; funerals, 458; communicants, nearly the same as the last report, about 1005.‡

St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York; Rev. William Harris, Rector.—Number of communicants cannot be exactly ascertained; in the summer there are usually from 120 to 200, in the winter from 60 to 70 persons. Baptisms for the last year, 15; marriages, 4.‡

Christ Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Marriages, 42; baptisms, 120; communicants, about 205.

St. Stephen's Church New York; Rev. George Strebeck, Rector.—

On the 12th of March, 1805, the following persons, *viz.*, Cornelius Schuyler, Jacob C. Mott, (wardens,) Thomas Gibbons, Jordan Mott, Benjamin Clarke, Abraham Fowler, Benjamin Beekman, Isaac Emmons, George Beck, and John Fash, (Vestrymen,) were elected, and the following day were duly acknowledged as a body politic, by the style and title of "The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the city of New York."

On the 6th of May following, the Corporation of the said Church presented me a call to become their rector, which call I

accepted, and on the next day, laid the foundation-stone of their church.

The persons engaged in this undertaking being very few in number, had to contend with many difficulties and embarrassments, which, however, they met and obviated with a degree of fortitude and zeal much to their honour; and at length, by the blessing of Providence, brought their undertaking to that state of forwardness, that on St. Stephen's day, the 26th of December, in the same year (a period of less than eight months from the time of its commencement), the church was consecrated to the service of God, by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore. It is fifty-five feet in front, and seventy-five feet deep, and now completely finished inside. Since the time of its consecration Divine service has been performed in it three times every LORD's day. There are now about one hundred families who are pewholders in it, and about sixty communicants. The congregation is increasing, and those who are regular members of it appear generally to be sincerely attached to the doctrine and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church. To me it is peculiarly gratifying that they join with fervour in the responses of the service, and are generally opposed to the very idea of the least deviation from it. The attention with which they receive and wait on the ministrations of the Clergy who occasionally visit them, has been particularly noticed and mentioned by several gentlemen who have officiated in this church; as being both gratifying to themselves, and reflecting credit on those who yield it.

From the zeal which those who originally engaged in this undertaking have manifested, and which has not yet suffered any abatement of its fervour in the cause of the Church; as well as from its situation, being planted in a part of the city where an Episcopal Church was much wanted, and where the population is rapidly increasing, there is reason to believe, that the congregation of St. Stephen's will, in time, become numerous and respectable.

GEORGE STREBECK, *Rector.*

NEW YORK, Oct. 7th, 1806.

Families who are pewholders, about 100; communicants, about 60; baptisms, infants 44, adults 3—47; marriages, 33; funerals, 2.

St. George's Parish, Hempstead, consisting of *St. George's Church, South Hempstead*, and *Christ Church, North Hempstead*; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, 24; communicants, about 100; marriages, 20; funerals, 10.

St. John's Church, in the town of Yonkers; Rev. Elias Cooper,

Rector.*—Families belonging to said church, 80; baptisms, infants 10, adults 6—16; communicants, 40; marriages, 9; funerals, 4.

The Parish of St. Andrew's Church, in the county of Richmond; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector.—Families, in number, at least 300; communicants, 140; baptisms, annually, about 80.

It is supported by its own funds, and through the Divine goodness is in a peaceful and prosperous state.

The parish has erected a handsome chapel at the north side of Staten Island, in which the rector regularly officiates every Sunday afternoon. The pews are taken up, and the congregation are very attentive to the observation of public worship.

Christ Church, Rye; Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector.—Baptisms, the year past, 22; marriages, 19; burials, 11; communicants, about 35.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and *St. Paul's, East Chester*; Rev. Isaac Wilkins Rector.—Communicants, about 40; baptisms, children 13, adults 5—18; marriages, 7; funerals, 6.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Since the last report to October 7th, 1806, baptisms, children 13, adult 1—14; marriages 12; communicants, 18.

Schenectady, St. George's Church; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins.—Baptisms, infants 27, adults 3—30; marriages, 16; funerals, 7; communicants, about 30.

Jamaica, Grace Church; Rev. Andrew Fowler.—Number of families, 32; communicants, 14; Baptisms, for the last four months, 7.

The Clergy were called on for the collections in their respective churches for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, an account of which was accordingly rendered. They also rendered an account of the vacant parishes in which, during the past year, they had officiated.

A proposed canon, entitled, "A Canon providing for the Supply of Vacant Parishes," was read, and adopted, and the fifth canon of 1802 repealed.

* The Rev. Mr. Cooper presented his parochial reports at the two preceding Conventions, but through inadvertence they were not inserted on the Journals.

The following report from the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, was presented, and read :

“The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, report to the Convention,

“That since their last report, in 1804, two missionaries have been employed under their direction, in officiating among the destitute congregations of the Church in this State.

“The Rev. Davenport Phelps, who has for several years served the Committee as a diligent and faithful missionary, has for some time past been stationed principally in the counties of Oneida and Ontario. In these counties he has prosecuted the business of his mission with his accustomed fidelity and zeal. The people among whom he officiated appear, in general, to have gladly received the word of salvation which he dispensed to them, and the institutions and ordinances of our Apostolic Church. Several new congregations have been organized, and in some instances, feeble as were the pecuniary resources of the people, buildings were erected for the public worship of God. The calls in different places for the ministrations of our Church were earnest and pressing; but they were so numerous, that Mr. Phelps was unable to answer them all. He has repeatedly expressed the opinion that the field in which he laboured would afford ample employment for at least two missionaries; but the resources of the Committee have hitherto prevented them from sending to this quarter another missionary.

“The Rev. John Churchill Rudd, in Deacons' orders, was employed as a missionary for several months to the destitute congregations of this Church at Huntington, Oyster Bay, Setauket, and Islip, on Long Island. The three former of these, before the late revolution, were numerous and respectable congregations; but since that period they have only had occasional service, and of consequence were fast dwindling away. In Huntington, Mr. Rudd found it difficult for some time to rouse the dormant zeal for the Church of the few scattered families who still professed themselves its members. By the blessing of God upon his labours he at length happily succeeded. The ministration of the excellent worship of the Church revived the former attachment of its members to it; and before Mr. Rudd left them they made arrangements for repairing their place of public worship, which was in a very decayed state. The Committee are happy to be assured that the zeal which has been excited still continues, and that the congregation look forward with earnest hope to the time when the blessing of God upon their exertions will enable them to restore the Church among them in the beauty of holiness.”

“At Oyster Bay, the building for public worship had become totally decayed; the few materials that remained from dilapidation were sold, and on the lot on which the building stood an academy was erected, the right being reserved to the Church to use it on Sundays for the purposes of public worship. The Church families in the village and its immediate neighbourhood, had either become extinct or united themselves to other denominations; and apparently owing to the apprehension that the re-establishment of the Church would divert the property from the purposes to which it is now applied, the efforts of Mr. Rudd for the re-organization of the Church did not succeed.

“At Setauket the Church people were numerous, and notwithstanding they had for some time been destitute of public worship, they retained a warm attachment to the Liturgy and Offices of the Church. They gave Mr. Rudd a cordial welcome, attended on his ministrations with suitable attention, and joined in the responses of our excellent Liturgy with devotion and zeal. The prospect of the Church being revived in this place, is in a high degree flattering.

"At Islip also, the congregation, though small and destitute of pecuniary means, manifested a becoming zeal, and have been endeavouring to put their church in decent repair. The building indeed has been preserved to the Church principally by the exertions of a worthy family in its vicinity, who steadily resisted every attempt to appropriate it to any other use than the public worship of our own Church; and though the service of the Church had not been performed in it for several years, annually cleaned out the building, and with pious zeal decked it with the customary decorations at every anniversary of the Nativity of our Lord.

"The Committee esteem it their duty to express their approbation of the prudence, fidelity and zeal, with which the Rev. Mr. Rudd discharged the duties of his mission.

"The Committee have engaged in their service the Rev. A. G. Baldwin, who has lately been ordained Deacon, as missionary in the western parts of the State.

"The Committee cannot avoid on this occasion expressing their earnest desire that they may be enabled by the liberal contributions of the members of their communion to increase the number of missionaries. Numerous, pressing, and affecting are the calls of various destitute congregations, particularly in the new settlements of the State, for the ministrations and services of our Church. Those who enjoy these ministrations and services surely will not be regardless of their destitute brethren. To be instrumental in diffusing the blessings of the Gospel, and in extending the Kingdom and Church of Christ, must afford the highest gratification to every pious and benevolent mind, and will, the Committee trust, excite the liberal zeal of the members of our Church.

"Attested,

"JOHN H. HOBART, *Sec'y.*"

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the Convention having listened with pleasing attention to the report of the Committee of this Church for Missionary purposes, do request that Committee to return the thanks of this Convention to the missionaries who have been employed in preaching the Gospel under their direction.

The Rev. Mr. Jones also made report of the fulfilment of his appointment to attend to the business of the Church at Newburgh and its vicinity.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Jones for his services to the Church at Newburgh and its vicinity.

The following report relative to the Treasurer, was read, and accepted:

"We, the subscribers, two of the Standing Committee of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the said Convention, do certify, That we have carefully examined the same, from the 29th day of September, 1804, (being the last time the same was examined,) to this day, and find that

the late Treasurer has put out on interest, the sum of nineteen hundred and forty-one pounds, (being the Episcopal fund,) and that the said Treasurer was in advance the sum of two pounds, eighteen shillings and four pence.

Witness our hands, this 8th day of October, 1806.

“ABRAHAM BEACH,
“JOHN H. HOBART.”

On motion,

Unanimously resolved, That this Convention entertain a grateful sense of the long and faithful services of their late Treasurer, Mr. Hubert Van Wageningen, deceased.

Mr. Garrit H. Van Wageningen was unanimously appointed Treasurer to the Convention.

The following resolutions were moved and seconded :

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, have no authority to prescribe the qualifications necessary to entitle a person to a seat and vote in this Convention.

Resolved, That by the Constitution of the Church in this State, every officiating minister, regularly admitted and settled in some church within this State, which is in union with this Convention, hath a right to sit and vote in this Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Stebbins, having been called and inducted as rector of the church at Schenectady, in the manner prescribed by the laws of this State, he is regularly admitted and settled in the said church, and being also the officiating minister therein, and the said church being within this State, and in union with this Convention, the said Mr. Stebbins is entitled to sit and vote in this Convention.

Whereupon it was moved and seconded, that the foregoing resolutions be postponed for the purpose of introducing the following :

Resolved, That the ecclesiastical authority possesses the power and right to institute the mode of *ecclesiastical* induction; and that this right, though independent of the State, is recognised by it in the original law relative to the mode of induction by vestries, which declares “that nothing in this act contained shall be construed, adjudged, or taken to abridge or affect the rights of conscience, or private judgment, or in the least to alter, or change, or interfere with the religious constitutions or governments of any churches or congregations whatsoever, so far as respects or in any wise concerns their doctrine, discipline, or worship.”

Resolved, That the ecclesiastical authority possesses the inherent and independent right to determine the qualifications of the

members of its several judicatories or ecclesiastical bodies; and that the Rev. Mr. Stebbins, not possessing the qualifications required by the authority of the Church, could not be entitled to a seat in the Convention.

Resolved, That agreeably to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, it being necessary that every presbyter should be inducted according to the Office of Induction before he can be considered as a regularly admitted and settled clergyman, a presbyter not so inducted cannot be entitled to a seat in this Convention: the Office of Induction prescribed by the General Convention of the Church being the *ecclesiastical* recognition of his rectorship; but in no respects interfering with civil contracts, with the rights of vestries to settle duly qualified clergymen on whatever terms they may deem proper, or with the temporalities of parishes, which temporalities must be vested in the rector by the vestries before the Bishop can give him authority to claim or enjoy them.

The question of postponement for the purpose aforesaid being taken, was decided in the affirmative, with only a few dissenting voices.

And the question being taken, on the last named resolutions severally, they were adopted with only a few dissenting voices.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention:

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. John H. Hobart, Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rev. Dr. R. C. Moore; Richard Harison, Matthew Clarkson, John Reed, John Moore.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee:

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. John H. Hobart; Richard Harison, Matthew Clarkson, William Ogden, John Onderdonk.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of "the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," of which Committee the Bishop is president *ex officio*.

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Cave Jones, Rev. John H. Hobart; John Onderdonk, Garrit H. Van Wagenen, David M. Clarkson.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Right Rev. Bishop Moore for his sermon preached

at the opening of the Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Convention adjourned.

Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART, *Sec'y.*

CANON

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION, 1806.

A Canon providing for the supply of Vacant Parishes.

At every annual Convention, the Bishop shall appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant parishes at such times as may be deemed convenient and proper. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish the Clergy with a record of their respective appointments. And at every Convention the Clergy so appointed shall be called on for an account of the fulfilment of the duty, and to report concerning the state of the parishes which they have visited.

The fifth canon of 1802 is hereby repealed

Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART, *Sec'y.*

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The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.

The Rev. Amos Glover Baldwin, Deacon, Missionary in the northern and western parts of the State.

The Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing.

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The Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. George Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats in the Convention, attended, and were admitted to honorary seats :

The Rev. Joseph Warren, officiating in the Churches at Peekskill and Philipstown.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, officiating in St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Andrew Fowler of South Carolina.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

The Rev. James Chapman, Deacon, ditto.

The Rev. — Wheaton, Deacon, Connecticut.

The Rev. Elijah D. Rattoone, D. D., of Maryland.

The Rev. John Inglis, D. D., of Nova Scotia.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Deacon, Athens, New York.

LAY DELEGATES.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, William Grigg.

St. James' Church, Newtown, David Moore, Jacob Moore.

St. George's Church, Flushing, William Prince, James Bloodgood.

Grace Church, Jamaica, James Mackarel, David Rowland.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, John Bown, Stephen Oakley.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, William Mitchell.

Christ Church, New York, George Warner, George Dominick.

Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.

Bedford and Newcastle, William Miller.

Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, John Van Dyke, Joseph Bedell, Nathaniel Britton.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, James Gillender, William Lang.

Caroline Church, Setauket, William Jayne.

Trinity Church, New York, Anthony L. Bleecker, Rufus King, John Onderdonk.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, George Tibbets.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Mangle Minthorne. John Slidell.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Robert I. Kemble, Valentine Nutter.

Christ Church, Rye, Joshua Purdy.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 6TH, 1807.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting; the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York, and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.

After, which, Mr. Joseph Prentiss was admitted by the Bishop to the holy office of Deacon.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled, and the list of the Clergy being called over agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, an Assistant Minister of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church, Fishkill; the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; the Rev. Amos Glover Baldwin, Deacon, Missionary in the northern and western parts of the State; the Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing; the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; the Rev. William Harris, Rector of

St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; the Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; the Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; the Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State; The Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; the Rev. George Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy were absent :

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, New Rochelle; the Rev. Bethel Judd, Hudson; the Rev. Jonathan Judd, Johnstown; the Rev. Daniel Nash, Otsego county; the Rev. Joseph Perry, Balltown; the Rev. J. Reed, Catskill; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Schenectady.

The Lay Delegates presented the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats :

From St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, and William Grigg; St. James' Church, Newtown, David Moore, and Jacob Moore; St. George's Church, Flushing, William Prince; Grace Church, Jamaica, James Mackarel, and David Rowland; St. John's Church, Yonkers, John Bown, and Stephen Cakley; St. George's Church, Hempstead, William Mitchill; Christ Church, New York, George Warner, and George Dominick; Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman; Bedford and Northcastle, William Miller; Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, John Van Dyke, Joseph Bedell, and Nathaniel Britton; St. Stephen's Church, New York, James Gillender, and William Lang; Caroline Church, Setauket, William Jayne; Trinity Church, New York, Anthony L. Bleeker, and John Onderdonk; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck; St. Paul's Church, Troy, George Tibbets; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, Mangle Minthorne, and John Slidell; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, Robert T. Kemble, and Valentine Nutter; Christ Church, Rye, Joshua Purdy.

Mr. Isaac Hewlet, who appeared as a Lay Delegate from St. John's Church, Huntington, not having been regularly appointed by the vestry or congregation, was, on motion, admitted to an honorary seat.

The certificates of the incorporation of St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, and Trinity Church, Fairfield, in the county of Herkimer, were read, and approved; and those churches received into union with this Convention. And the certificate of the appointment of R. I. Kemble, and Valentine Nutter, as Lay Delegates from St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, having been read, and approved, those gentlemen took their seats.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart was elected the Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following clergymen, not regularly entitled to seats in the Convention, be admitted as honorary members: The Rev. John Ireland, and the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, residing in this State; the Rev. Andrew Fowler, of South Carolina; the Rev Messrs. Rudd and Chapman of New Jersey; the Rev. Mr. Wheaton, of Connecticut; the Rev. Dr. Rattoone, of Maryland; and the Rev. Dr. Inglis, of Nova Scotia.

The Convention adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met, and Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. Joseph Warren, and the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Deacon, in this State, were admitted to honorary seats.

Mr. James Bloodgood, a Lay Delegate from St. George's Church, Flushing, and Rufus King, Esq., a Lay Delegate from Trinity Church, New York, appeared, and took their seats.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention, were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance, which reasons were accepted.

The certificates of the incorporation of St. Peter's Church, of the town of Aurelius, in the county of Cayuga; St. John's Church, Farmington, Clifton Springs, in the county of Ontario; and of Trinity Church, Geneva, in the same county, were read, and approved; and the said churches were severally admitted into union with this Convention.

The Clergy were called on for the parochial reports, required by the fourth canon of 1796 of the Church in this State, which

were rendered; and are inserted on the Journals agreeably to the eleventh canon of the General Convention of 1804.

Reports of the State of the Congregations

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

From October, 1806, to October, 1807.

Poughkeepsie and Fishkill; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—*Poughkeepsie, Christ Church.* Baptism of infants, 16; communicants, about 50; marriages, 4; funerals, 8.

Trinity Church, Fishkill. Baptism of infants, 16; adult, 1—17; communicants, about 30.

The latter part of last spring I visited the parish in Washington, attended Divine service, and baptised four children.

In the church at Poughkeepsie, the year past, the Vestry, with the aid of the inhabitants, have erected a gallery, and have also decently painted the church.

BARZILLAI BULKLEY, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, town of Yonkers; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Families composing the congregation, as near as can be ascertained, 80; baptisms, adults 4, children 22—26; communicants, 43; marriages, 7

Christ Church, Rye; Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector.—Since the last Convention nothing remarkable has taken place in this church; there appears, however, of late, an increasing attention to public worship, and also to the holy ordinances of religion.

The number of marriages, the year past, are 12; baptisms, 14; funerals, 13; communicants, 35.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. William Harris, Rector.—Marriages, 10; baptisms, 25.

Communicants in the winter season generally about 60, in the summer the number is greater.

The Parish of Trinity Church, New York, consisting of *Trinity Church*, and *St. George's* and *St. Paul's Chapels*; Right Rev Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector.—In the course of the last year there have been, in the parish of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, baptisms, 309; marriages, 122; funerals, 472.

Several communicants have died, and some new ones have been added to the church ; so that the number continues pretty nearly the same as it was at the time of the last report, that is, about one thousand.

The new church of St. John's, in this parish, was consecrated the last winter.

BENJAMIN MOORE, *Rector.*

St. George's Parish, Hempstead, consisting of *St. George's Church, South Hempstead*, and *Christ Church, North Hempstead* ; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Marriages, 29 ; burials, 14 ; baptisms, adults 6, children 27—33 ; communicants, about 100.

Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 133 ; marriages, 45 ; communicants, about 200.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector.—Families, 300 ; communicants, 140 ; baptisms, about 80.

The united Churches of St. Peter's, Cortlandtown, and St. Philip's, Philipstown ; Rev. Joseph Warren.—Baptisms, adults 3, children 16—19 ; communicants, 10 ; marriages, 5.

Albany, St. Peter's Church ; Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector.—Baptisms, 68 ; funerals, 12 ; communicants, 80 ; marriages, 12. Once I visited the church at Charlton.

FREDERICK BEASLEY.

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, and St. Peter's, West Chester ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector.—Communicants, about 50 ; deaths, 8 ; marriages, 7 ; baptisms, adults 8, infants 24—32.

St. Stephen's Church, New York ; Rev. George Strebeck, Rector.—Marriages 41 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 55—58 ; burials, adults 2, infants 3—5 ; communicants, about 60.

Newtown, St. James' Church, and St. George's Church, Flushing ; Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector.—*St. James' Church, Newtown.* Baptisms, 5 ; marriages, 5 ; funerals, 2 ; communicants, 28.

St. George's Church, Flushing. Baptisms, 4 ; marriages, 6 ; funeral, 1.

At Jamaica.—Funerals, 2 ; baptism, 1.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh. Rev. David Butler, Rector.—*St. Paul's Church, Troy.* Bap-

tisms, infants 17, adults 11—28; communicants, 33; marriages, 5; funerals, 13.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh. Baptism of infants, 12; communicants, 26; marriages, 3; funerals, 2.

The Clergy were called on for the collections in their respective churches for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, an account of which was accordingly rendered.

The following report from the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, was presented, and read:

“The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, report to the Convention—

“The Rev. D. Phelps has been continued as a missionary principally in the counties of Ontario, Onondaga, and Cayuga. He has resided for the most part at Geneva, where, in the month of August, 1806, he organized a church, which promises to be a flourishing congregation. From this place he made excursions to various congregations, some of them remote from his residence. The following extract from the journal of Mr. Phelps, will afford to the Convention satisfactory information of his labours, for which he merits, and has received the thanks of the Committee:

“Since entering upon the mission in these counties, six churches have been organized, *viz.*, one at Manlius, styled St. Paul's, consisting of Episcopalians in that town and Pompey; one in Onondaga, styled St. John's, of about eighteen or twenty families each. These two churches are in the county of Onondaga. Also one in Aurelius, consisting of more than twenty families of that town, Brutus, and Scaneatiles, styled St. Peter's. Aurelius is in the county of Cayuga. The village in this place, in which Divine service is generally performed, called Auburn, is in a flourishing state, situated on a beautiful and copious stream for water-works, where of course several (I believe six or seven) public roads centre. The commissioners having fixed the site here for a court-house, which is now building, renders the prospect of gathering a respectable congregation in this village truly flattering; and especially so, when the moral and pious habits of the members of this church are connected with the other considerations. In point of importance, this village stands next to Geneva, and I doubt not, could they be enabled to build, would soon equal it in numbers. To effect this purpose they have already showed themselves to be heartily in earnest, having already subscribed to the amount of about 1400 dollars, while hardly an individual among them can be said to be in affluence.

“The opening at the Springs (now called Clifton Springs), about thirteen miles north-west from Geneva, is next in importance. The number of Episcopal families here is about twenty-four. They are generally people strongly attached to the Church, of sober, virtuous habits, and though their circumstances are not above mediocrity, (even for farmers,) yet they are so earnestly engaged to be provided with a small church, that they have raised or subscribed about 700 dollars, and hope soon to increase it to 1000.

“Through Divine goodness I have lost but little time in the prosecution of my mission by reason of indisposition, and I have reason to bless God that some success has attended my labours. My journies have been extended from Pompey, and in some instances eight miles further east, to Palmyra, in

the county of Ontario, a distance of more than ninety miles. On this route I have officiated at Sullivan, Pompey, Manlius, Onondaga, Aurelius and its vicinity, Cayuga, Geneva, and Palmyra; and since the last winter at Clifton Springs, comprising in the whole, six churches. But for several months past I have confined myself to four, but rarely visiting the two most distant ones.

“The Rev. A. G. Baldwin, Deacon, who at the time of the last report of the Committee had just been engaged as a missionary, has devoted his services to the county of Oneida, and the country adjacent. The Committee have every reason to be satisfied with the assiduity and zeal with which Mr. Baldwin appears to have discharged the duties of his mission. They submit the following extract from his journals, containing particularly an account of Mr. Baldwin’s success in organizing a congregation at Fairfield, in the county of Herkimer.

‘Dec. 7. I went to Fairfield as I intended, should the LORD permit. Owing to a fall of snow I did not arrive in the place until sunsetting on Saturday. Extensive information was immediately given of my intention to preach the next day in the Academy. The day being pleasant, many assembled, and I had the pleasing satisfaction to find so many who were attached to our excellent mode of worship, as to be able to perform the whole service with decency and solemnity. This was the first time Divine service, according to the Liturgy of the Church, had been performed in that place, and I believe in that county. The first impressions made on the minds of the people, generally were favourable to the Church. During the intermission between the services of the day, the people attached to the Church assembled in an upper room of the Academy, and I proposed to them that they should organize themselves into a church, and promised to aid them as much as was in my power. They were pleased with the propositions. Upon inquiring of one another, they found that there were more families in the place and its vicinity attached to the Church than they had any knowledge of before. Rejoicing in the hope that the Church in which they had been educated, and to which they had (though for a long time deprived of her ministrations) maintained an inviolable attachment, would be established among them, they appointed January 5th to organize themselves into a church. Accordingly, on that day, they met and organized themselves, and have since been duly acknowledged as a body politic, by the style and title of Trinity Church, in the town of Fairfield, Herkimer county.

‘I have since regularly visited them every sixth Sunday, have been most cordially received, and had the pleasure to see large and attentive congregations. We assembled in a large Academy built for the double purpose of a house of worship and a school. I have preached eight Sundays in the Academy, and nine lectures and one funeral discourse in its vicinity. Sometimes I rode a few miles and preached on Sunday evenings; sometimes I preached on Saturday or Monday evening. The number of Episcopal families is about twenty-five. But they live at some distance from each other, in every direction. There is a probability that others will attach themselves to the Church. Prospects are highly flattering. There appears to be some increase of vital religion among the people attached to us. I have baptised in that place and its vicinity four adults, and twenty-seven children and infants. The people rejoice in the LORD that I was providentially sent to them. Peace and harmony has been preserved among those attached to the Church and others. Many thanks are due from myself and people to a Mr. Noble, an Irish gentleman, who now resides in Yonkers, for sending to me (Mr. Charles Ward having represented to him the situation of the Church in that place) about thirty or forty dollars worth of books to be distributed by me among them. These books have done much good. I have engaged to visit Fairfield as heretofore. What the LORD has done for this people excites in my mind lively gratitude. They intend, as

soon as they can, to purchase one or more acres of land to set a church on at some future day.

“While the Committee congratulate the Convention on the success with which the labours of their missionaries have been attended, they regret that the pecuniary resources for missionary purposes will not enable them to maintain a sufficient number of missionaries. More than double the number they have hitherto been able to support could be usefully employed in various parts of the State, where people are as yet unable to maintain a standing ministry. The harvest truly is great, while the labourers hitherto have been few. The Committee earnestly hope that every friend of the Church, and of the interests of religion, will exert himself in the benevolent and exalted work of providing the means of extending the ministrations and blessings of the Gospel to those who are now destitute of them.

“Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART, *Sec'y.*”

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. D. Phelps, and the Rev. A. G. Baldwin, for their diligence and zeal in the discharge of the duties of their mission.

A statement of the Treasurer's accounts was presented and read, and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Butler for his sermon preached before the Convention.

Agreeably to the sixth canon of this Church of 1806, the following appointments to supply vacant parishes were made:

The Rev. Mr. Hart to officiate in November next at Huntington on a Sunday, and at Setauket and Islip on some days in the same week.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke in May next at Setauket on a Sunday, and at Huntington and Islip on some days in the same week.

The Rev. Mr. Feltus in August next at Islip on a Sunday, and at Huntington and Setauket on some days in the same week.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers at Bedford the last Sunday in October.

The Rev. Dr. Moore at Bedford in May.

The Rev. Mr. Wilkins at Bedford in August. These three last-named gentlemen to supply North Salem and the other congregations in West Chester county on a Sunday, or some days in the same week of their appointments at Bedford.

The Rev. Mr. Bulkley at Washington one Sunday in November and May, and at such other times as may be deemed convenient.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper in October at Goshen on a Sunday, and at Newburgh, New Windsor, and St. Andrew's, on some days in the same week.

The Rev. J. H. Hobart in April at Newburgh on a Sunday, and the other churches some day in the same week.

The Rev. C. Jones in August at St. Andrew's on a Sunday, and the other churches some day in the same week.

The Rev. Mr. Reed at New Stamford and the congregations adjacent in the months of June and July.

The Rev. Mr. Strebeck at Jamaica in December.

The Rev. Dr. Beach at ditto in April.

The Rev. Mr. Harris at ditto in June.

The Rev. Mr. Beasley at Hudson and Claverack in April.

The Rev. Mr. Butler at Hampton in January, and at Stillwater in May.

The Rev. Mr. Perry at Milton and Stillwater at such times as may be convenient.

The Rev. Mr. Beasley at Stillwater in July.

The Clergy in the city, whenever they can with convenience, are to supply the parishes of the adjacent Clergy in the country when they are absent in the performance of the above appointments. The Clergy are to give seasonable notice to the various congregations of the days on which there will be Divine service, and it is expected that the churches so supplied will make provision for defraying the expenses of the Clergy who visit them.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention:

Rev. Abraham Beach, Rev. John H. Hobart, Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rev. R. C. Moore; Rufus King, John Onderdonk, John Moore, John Reed.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee:

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Dr. Hobart; Richard Harison, Matthew Clarkson, William Ogden, John Onderdonk.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of "the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York:"

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Cave Jones, Rev. Dr. Hobart; John Onderdonk, Garrit H. Van Wagenen, David M. Clarkson.

The Convention adjourned.

Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART *Sec'y.*

TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

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OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK,

October 4th, and October 5th, A. D. 1868.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

C L E R G Y.

The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

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The Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity Church, Fishkill.

The Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church Brooklyn.

The Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, with which is connected Christ Church, North Hempstead.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

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The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats in the Convention, attended, and were admitted to honorary seats:

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Episcopal Academy, New York, officiates at Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacon, St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York.

The Rev. James Chapman, Deacon, Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Joab G. Cooper, Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. David Moore, Deacon, Staten Island.

The Rev. Joseph Perry, Christ Church, Balltown.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Deacon, Athens and Coxsackie.

The Rev. Joseph Warren, St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, and St. Philip's Church, Philipstown.

The Rev. Mr. Whitlock, and the Rev. Mr. Wheaton from Connecticut.

LAY DELEGATES.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, John L. Fonda.

St. Andrew's Church, Richmond county, Staten Island, Abraham Buskirk, Joseph Bedell, John Dunn.

Trinity Church, New York, John Onderdonk.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, Isaac Lawrence, Elijah Valentine.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Robert I. Kemble, Valentine Nutter.

Bedford and Northcastle, William Miller, Nicholas Haight.

St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, — Graham.

St. Peter's and St. Philip's, Courtlandtown, James Mandeville.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, James B. Clarke.
Caroline Church, Setauket, Gilbert Floyd.
Grace Church, Jamaica, James Morel, James Mackarel, sen.
David Rowland.
Christ Church, New York, George Warner, George Dominick.
St. James' Church, North Salem, Epenetus Wallace.
St. George's Church, Hempstead, Richard Thorne.
St. George's Church, Newburgh, Justin Foot.
Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck.
Trinity Church, New Rochelle, James Bertine, John Bonnet.
Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.
St. James' Church, Newtown, David Moore, Samuel Van Wyck.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 4TH, 1808.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting ; the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester ; and a sermon suitable to the occasion preached by the Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of St Peter's Church, Albany.

After Divine service the Convention assembled ; and the list of the Clergy being called over agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats :

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Missionary in the western parts of the State; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; Rev. George Strebeck, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy were absent:

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Missionary; Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, and — Church, Fort Hunter; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts; Rev. John Reed, St. Luke's Church, Catskill; Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Lay Delegates exhibited the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats:

From Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, and John L. Fonda; St. Andrew's Church, Richmond county, Staten Island, Abraham Buskirk, Joseph Bedell, and John Dunn; Trinity Church, New York, John Onderdonk; St. John's Church, Yonkers, Isaac Lawrence, and Elijah Valentine; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Robert I. Kemble, and Valentine Nutter; Bedford and Northcastle, William Miller, and Nicholas Haight; St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, — Graham; St. Peter's and St. Philip's, Courtlandtown, James Mandeville; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, and James B. Clarke; Caroline Church, Setauket, Gilbert Floyd; Grace Church, Jamaica, James Morel, James Mackarel, sen., and David Rowland; Christ Church, New York, George Warner, and George Dominick; St. James' Church, North Salem, Epenetus Wallace; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Richard Thorne; St. George's Church, Newburgh, Justin Foot; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, James Bertine, and John Bonnet; Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.

On motion,

Resolved, That ministers of this Church residing in this State, and not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to honorary seats.

In consequence of this resolution, the following Clergy were admitted to honorary seats:

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Rev. Joseph Warren, Rev. Joab G. Cooper, Rev. Thomas Y. How, presbyters; and the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rev. Joseph Perry, Rev. James Chapman, and Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacons.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Whitlock, and the Rev. Mr. Wheaton, appointed by the Convocation of the Church in Connecticut to attend this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats; and that this Convention consider this appointment as an evidence of the brotherly affection of the Convocation of the Church in Connecticut.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart was elected the Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Beasley for his sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Agreeably to the 46th canon of the General Convention, "providing for making known the Constitution and Canons of the Church," the Secretary proceeded to the reading of the same, and after progress therein, the Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met, and Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time, the Bishop delivered the following address to the Convention:

"BRETHREN,

"In compliance with the 45th canon, I lay before the Convention, the following statement of my transactions, in the discharge of my Episcopal duties, during the last year.

"Since the last meeting of the Convention, (exclusive of the four congregations which are more immediately committed to my pastoral care, as rector of Trinity Church,) I have visited the following churches, for the purpose of administering the holy rite of Confirmation, and of inquiring into the state of the respective congregations:

"Christ Church, New York.

"St. Ann's, Brooklyn.

"St. Andrew's, Staten Island.

"Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

"St. Peter's, West Chester.

"St. Paul's, East Chester.

“ St. Mark’s, Bowery.

“ St. John’s, Yonkers.

“ In the before-mentioned period of time, 692 persons have been confirmed.

“ We have, at present, ten young gentlemen who have signified their intention of applying for admission into Holy Orders; and from the good dispositions which they have hitherto manifested, and the diligence with which they prosecute their theological studies, we have before us the pleasing prospect of soon supplying our destitute congregations with a sufficient number of pious and well-instructed Clergymen.

“ Since I last had the happiness of meeting you in Convention, I have ordained,

“ Amos G. Baldwin, Joab G. Cooper, Nathan Bourne Crocker of Rhode Island, John Reed, and Thomas Yardley How, Priests. Joseph Prentiss, Paul Trapier Gervais of South Carolina, John V. Bartow, and David Moore, Deacons.

“ As to the changes which have taken place in the affairs of our Church, in the course of the preceding year, I have to inform the Convention, that Thomas Yardley How has been appointed an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in this city. James Chapman, Deacon, is engaged for one year, to assist in the performance of the duties of this parish; John V. Bartow, Deacon, is settled in St. Michael’s Church, Bloomingdale; Henry J. Feltus has been regularly instituted into the parish of St. Ann’s Church, Brooklyn; Edmund D. Barry is engaged for one year, to officiate in Grace Church, Jamaica; Joab G. Cooper is called to Christ Church, Hudson, which had become vacant by the removal of their former rector, Mr. Bethel Judd; David Moore, Deacon, is employed as an assistant to his father, Dr. Richard C. Moore, on Staten Island; Joseph Prentiss, Deacon, officiates at Athens and Cossackie; Joseph Perry, Deacon, at Balltown; Amos G. Baldwin, and Davenport Phelps are considered as more immediately attached to the churches at Utica and Geneva, but at the same time, are employed as missionaries to the neighbouring destitute congregations. Several more clergymen might be employed to great advantage in the character of missionaries, but the Missionary Committee are destitute of the means of supporting more than the *two* who are already engaged.”*

After which an ordination was held by the Bishop, and the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Deacon, at Athens and Cossackie, was admitted to the holy order of Priest. The Convention then assembled.

* The remainder of the Address being in the form of a Charge, will be published separate from the Journals.

The Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing, appeared, and took his seat.

The Rev. David Moore, Deacon, was admitted to an honorary seat.

Messrs. David Moore, and Samuel Van Wyck, Lay Delegates from St. James' Church, Newtown, and Col. Sands, from St. George's Church, Hempstead, appeared, and took their seats.

The reading of the Canons, which was commenced yesterday, was finished.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance, which reasons were accepted.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, "Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," which were presented, and are inserted on the Journals.

Reports of the State of the Congregations

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

From October, 1807, to October, 1808.

Poughkeepsie and Fishkill; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—*Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.* Baptisms, children 20, adults 4—24; funerals, 13; marriages, 5; communicants, not far from 50.

Trinity Church, Fishkill. Baptisms, infants 12, adult 1—13; funerals, 4; marriage, 1; communicants, about 30.

I preached in Washington one Sunday, and made another appointment, but rain prevented me from attending. Once I preached in Newburgh.

B. BULKLEY.

St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Families belonging to said church, 84; baptisms, adults 9, children 14—23; marriages, 13; funerals, 4; communicants, 45.

Nothing material has occurred since the last statement.

E. COOPER, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Church, New York ; Rev. George Strebeck, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 56—58 ; marriages, 31 ; communicants, about 70 ; funerals, 9.

Newtown, St. James' Church. Flushing, St. George's Church ; Rev. Abraham Lynsen Clarke, Rector.—*St. James' Church, Newtown.* Baptisms, children 7, adults 2—9 ; marriage, 1 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 19.

St. George's Church, Flushing. Baptisms, children 5, adults 6—11 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 16.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 23, adult 1—24 ; communicants, (increase in the last year 16) about 60 ; marriages, 11 ; deaths from the congregation, infants and adults, about 12.

In the united Churches of St. Peter's, Peekskill, and St. Philip's, Philipstown ; Rev. Joseph Warren.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 16—18 ; communicants, 8 ; deaths, 6 ; marriages, 6.

Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Coxsackie ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults and infants, 62 ; funerals, about 20 ; marriages, about 14.

Balltown, Christ Church, and St. Paul's Church, Charlton ; Rev. Joseph Perry.—Baptisms, infants 40, adults 4—44 ; marriages, 5 ; funerals, 6 ; number of families, about 90 ; removals into the parish, 2.

Since taking charge of these churches, I have visited the church in Stamford, Delaware county, performed Divine service, and baptized 31 children. I have also visited the churches at Milton and Stillwater.

JOSEPH PERRY.

St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 53—54 ; marriages, 36 ; funerals, 5 ; communicants, 42.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector.—Families, about 300 ; communicants, nearly 200 ; baptisms, about 80.

The last return of communicants amounted to the number of one hundred and forty ; but during the year it has pleased Almighty God to bless the people committed to my charge, with a more than ordinary attention to sacred things. Their attendance upon the services of our holy Church has been highly pleasing, and their behaviour has been marked with the strongest features of rational devotion. Since Easter Sunday, near sixty new communicants have kneeled at the altar of the Saviour, and promise fair to be ornaments to the Christian religion.

RICHARD C. MOORE.

St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector.—Baptisms, 60; marriages, 20.

The number of communicants nearly the same as last year. Some have been added to our number during the past year, and some have died.

FREDERICK BEASLEY.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—From the first Tuesday in October, 1806, to the first Tuesday in October, 1807, baptisms, adults 6, infants 22—28; marriages, 12; communicants, nearly the same as last reported, 18.

From the first Tuesday in October, 1807, to the first Tuesday in October, 1808, baptisms, 11; marriages, 11; communicants, nearly the same as last reported, 18.

*An Account of the Rise and Progress of Grace Church, Jamaica,
from 1710 to 1808.*

The Rev. Thomas Poyer officiated as missionary from the Society in England for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The Rev. Thomas Colgan succeeded Mr. Poyer in the year 1732, and in the year 1735 Grace Church was built, and soon after the churches at Newtown and Flushing. Mr. Colgan left no records. He died in the year 1755, and was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel Seabury, jun. In the year 1761 a royal charter was granted to the Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church by the then Lieutenant-Governor, Cadwallader Colden, Esq. Mr. Seabury left no records. The church at that time was repaired to the amount of £93 18 shillings. At that time there were twenty-four families belonging to the church. The Rev. Joshua Bloomer succeeded Mr. Seabury in the year 1769. Mr. Bloomer kept no records but of marriages until the year 1780, and then of marriages and baptisms only. In the year 1780, Mr. Bloomer began a record of marriages and baptisms.

The roof of the church was repaired in 1786 to the amount of £65 12 shillings.

Mr. Bloomer died the 23d of June, 1790. The Rev. William Hammell was called in July same year. Kept no records but of marriages and baptisms.

Mr. Hammell left the parish August 17, 1795. The Rev. Charles Seabury officiated a short time till the death of his father, 1796. The Rev. Elijah D. Rattoone was called the 12th May, 1797.

In the year 1799 the church was repaired to the amount of £636 11 shillings.

Mr. Rattoone left Jamaica in 1802, and the Rev. Calvin White was called January the 1st, 1803, and continued till August 17, 1804.

The Rev. George Strebeck was called 1st of May, 1805, for six months.

The Rev. Andrew Fowler was called 8th of April, 1806, for six months.

The Rev. John Ireland was called in May, 1807, no time agreed on.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry was called the 1st of April, 1808, for one year; baptised five, buried two.

JAMAICA, October 1st, 1808.

A true copy taken from the minutes,

W. PUNTINE, *Sec'y.*

The number of communicants is at present about fifteen.

The Parish of Trinity Church, New York, consisting of *Trinity Church*, and *St. George's*, *St. Paul's*, and *St. John's Chapels*; Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 339; marriages, 116; funerals, 442; number of communicants, nearly the same as at the last Convention, about 1000.

Christ Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 153, adults 6—159; marriages, 51; communicants, about 280; funerals, 34.

St Paul's Church, East Chester, and *St. Peter's West Chester*; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, children 16—23; marriages, 9; funerals, 7; communicants, about 50.

Christ Church, Rye and White Plains;* Rev. Evan Rogers, Rector.—Baptisms, 9; marriages, 13; burials, 9; communicants, about 40; and the number of families belonging to this church are about 100.

An unhappy misunderstanding has subsisted between Rye and that part of the parish residing at White Plains. The rector is happy in having to state that a union has been restored since the last Convention, which, it is hoped, will contribute to the real interest of this church.

Agreeably to appointment I visited and performed Divine service twice at Bedford, once at Stephentown, and once at Newcastle. And although the congregations in those places appear to labour under discouragements, having no settled minister, yet many are firmly attached to our Church, and are highly gratified with even the partial services which we are able to afford them.

E. ROGERS.

* This report was forwarded since the meeting of the Convention.

The Clergy were called on for the collections made in their respective churches for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds; an account of which was accordingly rendered.

Very satisfactory accounts were rendered of the missions of the Rev. D. Phelps, and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Phelps, and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, for their faithful services as missionaries.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, and the Rev. J. H. Hobart, two members of the Standing Committee, reported to the Convention, that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, and found them correct.

On motion,

Resolved, That the office of Consecration of Churches and Chapels, implies that the buildings set apart for the service of Almighty God are appropriated solely to Divine service; and, therefore, they shall not be used for any secular purposes whatsoever.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to draft and present a memorial to the Corporation of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, if they deem it expedient so to do, setting forth the necessity of cherishing and increasing the fund for the support of the Episcopate, and praying from the said Corporation a donation in aid of the said fund.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, the Rev. Mr. Jones, and Mr. Hodge, were appointed a Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

The Clergy who were appointed at the last Convention to visit the vacant congregations, severally made report of their having discharged that duty, and of the state of the parishes which they visited. And, agreeably to the canon of this Church of 1806, the following appointments were made to supply vacant parishes:

The Rev. Mr. Hart at Huntington in November next, on a Sunday, and at Setauket and Islip on some days in the same week.

The Rev. Mr. Wilkins at Huntington in July next, on a Sunday, and at Setauket and Islip on some days in the same week.

The Rev. Mr. Feltus at Islip in May next, on a Sunday, and at Setauket and Huntington on some days in the same week.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke in September next at Setauket, on a Sunday, and at Huntington and Islip on some days in the same week.

The Rev. Dr. Moore at Bedford in November.

The Rev. Mr. Elias Cooper at ditto in May.

The Rev. Mr. Hobart at ditto in August.

These three last-named gentlemen to supply North Salem, and the other congregations in West Chester county, on a Sunday, or some days in the same week of their appointments at Bedford.

The Rev. Mr. Bulkley at Washington in November, and at Newburgh in December.

The Rev. Mr. Jones at Newburgh and the neighbourhood in September next.

The Rev. Mr. Strebeck at ditto in July.

The Rev. Mr. Prentiss at New Stamford and other vacant congregations in June.

The Rev. Mr. Perry at Milton and Stillwater, &c., at such times as may be convenient.

The Rev. Mr. Butler at Hampton in January, and Stillwater in May.

The Rev. Mr. Beasley at Duanesborough in April, and at Stillwater in July next.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins at Duanesborough in November.

The Rev. Joab G. Cooper to visit the congregations in the neighbourhood of the village of Claverack occasionally.

The Clergy in the city, whenever they can with convenience, are to supply the parishes of the adjacent Clergy in the country when they are absent in the performance of the above appointments. The Clergy are to give seasonable notice to the various congregations of the days on which there will be Divine service, and it is expected that the churches so supplied will make provision for defraying the expenses of the Clergy who visit them.

A memorial was presented, and read, from the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Christ Church, New Orleans, praying that the Bishop and Convention would recognize said church as part of the ecclesiastical diocese of New York.

On motion,

Resolved, That the granting of the prayer of the petition is incompatible with the 37th canon of the General Convention, and with ecclesiastical order; but as this Convention feel cordially interested for the welfare of the church at New Orleans, the Bishop be respectfully requested to extend to them, as far as may be in his power, his Episcopal care and counsel.

The certificate of the incorporation of St. Paul's Church, Honeyoy, in the county of Ontario, was presented and read, and approved, and the said church received into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Beach, and the Rev. Dr. Moore be appointed to attend the meeting of the Convention of the Church in Connecticut in June next.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Abraham Beach, Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rev. R. C. Moore, Rev. John H. Hobart ; Rufus King, John Onderdonk, John Moore, John Reed.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Dr. Hobart ; Richard Harison, Matthew Clarkson, William Ogden, John Onderdonk.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Dr. Hobart ; John Onderdonk, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, David M. Clarkson.

The Convention adjourned.

Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART, *Sec'y*.

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

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THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK,

October 3d, and October 4th, A. D. 1869.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Parker Adams, Missionary.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.

The Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, with which is connected Christ Church, North Hempstead.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, and St. Ann's Church, Fort Hunter.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Athens.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats in the Convention, were admitted to honorary seats :

The Rev. Dr. William Smith, New York.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley.

The Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacon, St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York.

The Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. David Moore, Deacon, St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, the Rev. Philo Shelton, Delegates from the Convention of Connecticut.

LAY DELEGATES.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, Stephen Carman.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, William Grigg.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Mangle Minthorne, George Turnbull.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Joseph Bedell, John La Torette, Nathaniel Britton, — Halsey.

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, Lancaster Underhill.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, George Puffer.

Trinity Church, Utica, Benjamin Walker.

Trinity Church, New York, A. L. Bleecker, John Onderdonk.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, Eliakim Warren.

St. James' Church, Newtown, David Moore, Jacob Moore, Thomas Alsop.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Charles McNeil, John Skidmore.

Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Lawrence Roe, Thomas Philips.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, Robert I. Kemble, Valentine Nutter.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, James Bertine.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, Henry Pope, James Gillender.

Bedford and Northcastle, David Olmstead, Benjamin Isaacs.

St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven, William Jayne.

Trinity Church, Athens, Henry White.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Alexander Dareus.

Grace Church, New York, Joshua Waddington, David B. Ogden.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Hezekiah Ketchum.

Christ Church, Rye, Jonathan Purdy.

Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew S. Bartow.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 3D, 1809.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting; the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled; and the list of the Clergy being called over agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Parker Adams, Missionary; Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's

Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, and St. Ann's Church, Fort Hunter; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Athens; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy were absent:

The Rev. William Harris, St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. Daniel Nash, St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternuts; Rev. Joseph Perry, Christ Church, Balltown; Rev. John Reed, St. Luke's Church, Catskill.

The Lay Delegates exhibited the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats:

From St. George's Church, Hempstead, Stephen Carman; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Robert Hodge, and William Grigg; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Mangle Minthorne, and George Turnbull; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Joseph Bedell, John La Torette, Nathaniel Britton, and — Halsey; St. Paul's Church, East Chester, Lancaster Underhill; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, and George Puffer; Trinity Church, Utica, Benjamin Walker; Trinity Church, New York, A. L. Bleecker, and John Onderdonk; St. Paul's Church, Troy, Eliakim Warren; St. James' Church, Newtown, David Moore, Jacob Moore, and Thomas Alsop; Grace Church, Jamaica, Charles McNeil, and John Skidmore; Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp; St. George's Church, Flushing, Lawrence Roe, and Thomas Philips; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, Robert I. Kemble, and Valentine Nutter; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, James Bertine; St. Stephen's Church, New York, Henry Pope, and James Gillender; Bedford and Northcastle, David Olmstead, and Benjamin Isaacs; St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy; Caroline Church, Brookhaven, William Jayne; Trinity Church, Athens, Henry White; St. Andrew's Church, Orange

county, Alexander Darius; Grace Church, New York. Joshua Waddington, and David B. Ogden; Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Hezekiah Ketchum; Christ Church, Rye, Jonathan Purdy; Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew S. Bartow.

The certificates of the incorporation of Grace Church, New York, and of St. Peter's Church, Pulteneyville, were read, and approved, and the said churches received into union with this Convention.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen having been instituted rector of Grace Church, New York, took his seat in Convention; and the certificate of the appointment of Lay Delegates from said church having been read, and approved, Joshua Waddington and David B. Ogden took their seats as Delegates from Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart was elected the Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That ministers of this Church residing in this State, and not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, with the privilege of delivering their sentiments on any matters which may come before it.

The following Clergy accordingly took their seats as honorary members:

The Rev. Dr. William Smith; Rev. Mr. Bulkley; Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacon, officiating in St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica; and the Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, and the Rev. Philo Shelton, appointed by the Convention of the Church in Connecticut to attend this Convention, appeared, and were admitted to honorary seats, with the privilege of delivering their sentiments on all matters which may come before the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Right Rev. Bishop Moore for his sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Agreeably to the 46th canon of the General Convention, "providing for making known the Constitution and Canons of the Church," the same were read by the Secretary.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention providing for an accurate view of the State of the Church from time to time, the Bishop delivered the following address :

"BRETHREN,

"In compliance with the requisitions of the 45th canon, I make the following statement of the affairs of this Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention :

"During the last year I have administered the holy rite of Confirmation in the following churches :

"Grace Church, Jamaica.

"St. James', Newtown.

"St. George's, Flushing.

"St. Michael's, Bloomingdale.

"Trinity Church, New York.

"Christ Church, Hudson.

"St. Peter's, Albany.

"St. Paul's, Troy.

"Trinity Church, Lansingburgh

"St. George's, Schenectady.

"At the Lutheran Church in Athens, where an Episcopal congregation assembles for public worship ; and at St. Luke's, Catskill. In the course of these visitations, I have confirmed 304 persons.

"The following persons have been admitted to Holy Orders :

"Parker Adams, Timothy Clowes, John Croes, jun., of New Jersey, and Adam Empie, Deacons. Joseph Perry, James D. Simmons, of South Carolina, and Paul Trapier Gervais, from the same State, Priests.

"John Ireland, formerly rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, has been degraded from the ministry.

"Grace Church, in New York, has been incorporated, and the Rev Nathanael Bowen regularly appointed the rector thereof.

"The Rev. George Strebeck has resigned the rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, and is succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Richard Moore ; and the church on Staten Island is now supplied by his son, David Moore, Deacon.

"The Rev. Abraham Clarke, formerly rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, and St. George's Church, Flushing, is now confined to the church at Newtown ; and St. George's, Flushing, has, of course, become vacant.

"Timothy Clowes, Deacon, officiates at Grace Church, Jamaica ; and Adam Empie is employed as an Assistant to the Rev. Seth Hart in the churches at South and North Hempstead.

"The Rev. Samuel Haskell has been duly instituted rector of Grace Church, Rye and White Plains, which had become vacant

in consequence of the much lamented death of the late rector, Evan Rogers.

“The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, and the Rev. Frederick Beasley, have relinquished the rectorship of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and St. Peter’s, Albany; which churches are not yet supplied with clergymen.”

The following report was read, and accepted :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of presenting a memorial to the Corporation of Trinity Church, in New York, for the purpose of aiding the Episcopal Fund, beg leave to report, That they have deemed it inexpedient to present such memorial, because they conceive that it would be attended with more effect, if it came from the Convention in a body. They have, however, made the necessary inquiry, and are of opinion that the present is a favourable time for such memorial to be presented.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of drafting and reporting, for the consideration of the Convention, a memorial as contemplated in the above report.

The original Committee on the subject, *viz.*, the Rev. Dr. Moore, the Rev. Mr. Jones, and Mr. Hodge, were appointed for this purpose.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance; which reasons were accepted.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, who had been instituted rector of Christ Church, Rye, appeared, and took his seat.

The Convention adjourned until nine o’clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 9 O’CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met, and Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George’s Church, Schenectady.

The certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Rye, and Trinity Church, Fairfield, were read and approved, and Jonathan Purdy, a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Rye, and Andrew S. Bartow, a Lay Delegate from Trinity Church, Fairfield, appeared, and took their seats.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, which were presented, and, as required by the said canon, inserted on the Journals.

Grace Church, Jamaica ; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 12—18 ; funerals, 8 ; communicants, 34.

Christ Church, Rye ; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Appears to be in a flourishing state. Since the 1st of July last, Baptisms, adults 4, infants 4—8 ; marriages, 2 ; deaths, 9 ; communicants, about 50.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale ; Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2 ; children 31—33 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 5 ; communicants, 52.

Trinity Church, Athens, and *Christ Church, Coxsackie* ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 67—73 ; communicants, in each about 18—36 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 11.

St. James' Church, Newtown ; Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 4, children 10—14 ; communicants, 22 ; funerals, 2.

St. George's Church, Flushing.—Baptisms, 10 ; marriages, 5 ; communicants, 21 ; funerals, 4.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle ; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 4—5 ; marriages 10 ; funerals, 9 ; communicants, from 18 to 26.

St. John's Church, Yonkers ; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 10, adult 1—11 ; communicants, 50 ; marriages, 9. Nothing material has occurred since the last report.

The Parish of Trinity Church, New York, including *Trinity Church*,* and *St. George's*, *St. Paul's*, and *St. John's Chapels* ; Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 259 ; marriages, 79 ; funerals, 305 ; communicants, about the same as the last report.

Christ Church, Balltown, and *St. Paul's Church, Charlton* ; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector.*—Baptisms, infants 65, adults 7—72 ;

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

communicants, not far from 100 ; marriages, 5 ; funerals, 5 ; number of families, about 90 ; removal into the parish, 1.

During the past year I have thrice visited the church in Stamford, Delaware county, and once the church in Windham, Green county. In both of which churches I performed Divine service, and baptised several children, which are included in the above statement. Agreeably to appointment I have also visited the churches at Milton and Stillwater. Moreover, to aid the neighbouring congregations, and to gratify those who live remote from the churches under my care, I have preached on week days twenty-four lectures, and have had the satisfaction of witnessing that attendance on the service of our Church, which does real honour to the cause of religion.

JOSEPH PERRY.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Rev. Henry James Feltus, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 4, children 24—28 ; marriages, 15 ; deaths, infants and adults 10 ; communicants, 94.

Utica, Paris, and Fairfield ; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector,—officiates one-half the time in Utica, one-fourth in Paris, and one-sixth in Fairfield.

Trinity Church, Utica. Baptisms, adult 1, infants 12—13 ; marriages, 3 ; funerals, 6 ; number of families, about 25 ; communicants, 20.

St. Paul's Church, Paris. Baptisms, adults 3, infants 24—27 ; marriages, 2 ; number of families, 40 ; communicants, 70.

Trinity Church, Fairfield. Number of families, about 25 ; baptisms, children and infants, 14 ; funeral, 1 ; communicants, 28.

The members of this church are erecting a house of worship, and have contracted to have it enclosed this season.

I have preached one Sunday at the Little Falls, on the Mohawk, where are a few Episcopal families ; also one Sunday in Manlius, forty miles from Utica, and administered the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper to twelve persons. They told me that this place and one or two others in its vicinity would at present give a clergyman the greatest part of a decent support.

By the Divine blessing, pure and undefiled religion appears to be increasing in my cure.

AMOS G. BALDWIN.

P. S. I have preached nearly fifty lectures in various places during the past year, commencing October, 1808.

Christ Church, Hudson ; Rev. Joab G. Cooper.*—Baptisms, 28 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 13 ; communicants, about 20.

St. George's Church, Hempstead ; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, 28 ; marriages, 14 ; communicants, about 100 ; funerals, 12.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 173 ; marriages, 43 ; communicants, 170.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and *St. Paul's Church, East Chester* ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins Rector.—Baptisms, children 30, adults 9—39 ; marriages, 8 ; deaths, 7 ; communicants, between 50 and 60.

St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 51—52 ; marriages, 21 ; funerals, 8 ; communicants, 43.

Since the last Convention I have performed Divine service three Sundays at Duanesburgh. CYRUS STEBBINS.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, about 90 ; marriages, 12 ; funerals, 8 ; families, about 300 ; communicants, 230.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, and *St. Ann's Church, Fort Hunter* ; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector.—I commenced my services in St. John's Church, in the village of Johnstown, on Sunday, the 23d of November, 1806, and in St. Ann's, at Fort Hunter, on the fourth Sunday following. From that time to the present my services have been divided between the two churches. Three-fourths of the time I have performed Divine service at Johnstown, the other fourth at Fort Hunter.

The number of communicants have increased, and the congregations, particularly at Johnstown, are considerably enlarged.

Families at Johnstown, about 45 ; communicants, 15 ; families at Fort Hunter, about 20 ; communicants, 5. Baptisms, from November, 1806, to October, 1807, Johnstown, 13 ; Fort Hunter, 2 ;—from October, 1807, to October, 1808, Johnstown, 6 ; Fort Hunter, 2 ;—from October, 1808, to October, 1809, Johnstown, 17 ; Fort Hunter, 2 ; Amsterdam, 9 ; two of them adults. Marriages, in 1808, Johnstown, 1 ; Fort Hunter, 1 ;—1809, Palentine, 1. Funerals, from November, 1806, to October, 1807, Johnstown, children, 6, adults 2—8 ;—from October, 1807, to October, 1808, Johnstown, adults 3 ; Fort Hunter, child 1 ;—from October, 1808, to October, 1809, Johnstown, adult 1.

Soon after my settling in Johnstown, those who were interested in the welfare of the Church set about making such repairs in their house of worship as the lapse of time had rendered necessary, and had nearly finished, when, in June, 1808, a decisive stop was put to their exertions, and they were brought to the most discouraging situation. In a violent storm the steeple of their church was blown down, and much other damage was sustained. By the benevolence of Trinity Church, they have, however, been en-

abled to make good the damages, and to put the church in handsome repair.

The house for worship at Fort Hunter remains in a ruinous condition. They who belong to it are, however, determined on doing something towards repairing it, and I hope they will succeed.

JONATHAN JUDD.*

The Clergy were called on for the collections made in their respective churches for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, an account of which was accordingly rendered.

Reports from the missionaries, the Rev. Davenport Phelps, the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, and the Rev. Parker Adams, were severally read, and,

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the missionaries for their faithful services.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, and the Rev. Dr. Hobart, two members of the Standing Committee, reported to the Convention, that they had examined the accounts of G. H. Van Wageningen, the Treasurer of the Convention, and found them correct.

G. H. Van Wageningen was re-elected the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Clergy who were appointed at the last Convention to visit and officiate in the vacant congregations, severally made report of their having discharged that duty. And agreeably to the canon of this Church of 1806, the following appointments were made to supply vacant parishes :

The Rev. Mr. Hart, the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, the Rev. Mr. Feltus, and the Rev. Mr. Clarke, the churches at Huntington, Setauket, and Islip.

The Rev. Rev. Dr. Moore, and the Rev. Dr. Hobart, the congregation at North Salem, and the other vacant congregations in West Chester county.

The Rev. Mr. Jones, the churches in Orange county.

The Rev. Mr. Perry, the vacant churches in Saratoga county.

The Rev. Mr. Butler to perform Divine service at Hampton and Stillwater.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins, at Duanesborough.

The Rev. Joab G. Cooper, at Albany.

* The report of the Rev. David Butler, Rector of the churches at Troy and Lansingburgh, which was presented to the Convention, has been mislaid.

The Rev. Jonathan Judd, at Charlton two Sundays and two week days.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, at Albany or Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, ditto.

The above-named Clergy are to give seasonable notice to the congregations respectively of the days on which they will attend to perform Divine service; and it is expected that the churches so supplied will make provision for defraying the expenses of the Clergy who visit them. The Clergy in the city, when they can with convenience, are to supply the parishes of the adjacent Clergy in the country, when they are absent in the fulfilment of the above appointments.

The Committee appointed to draft a memorial to the Corporation of Trinity Church for aid to the Episcopal Fund, reported the draft of a memorial, which was considered, and, with amendments, adopted.

A memorial was read from the Africans and their descendants, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of New York, praying the decision of the Convention on the subject of one of their own colour being admitted to Holy Orders.

On motion,

Resolved, That the aforesaid memorial be referred to the consideration of the Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Church, to report thereon at the ensuing Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution adopted in the Convention of this Church, at their session in the last year, with regard to the *exclusive* appropriation of churches to Divine service, is not to be considered as applying to the exclusion of the commencement of Columbia College, heretofore held in one of the Episcopal churches.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed with the power, in conjunction with the Bishop, of selecting a set of Psalm tunes, together with a set of chants and voluntaries, which shall be recommended to be exclusively used in the churches in this State; and that the said Committee report to the next Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Jones, the Rev. Mr. Lyell, the Rev.^d Dr. Hobart, the Rev. Mr. Feltus, Mr. Clement Moore, Mr. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, and Mr. D. Olmstead, were appointed the Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

A memorial was read from the Rev. Dr. Smith, praying the patronage of the Convention to a collection of chants edited by him—and a “collection of sacred music, adapted to David’s Psalms,” by P. Erben, organist of St. George’s Chapel, with sundry recommendations thereof, was also presented.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the aforesaid “Collection” and the memorial of the Rev. Dr. Smith be referred to the above-named Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, and the Rev. Mr. Hart were appointed to attend the Convention of the Church in Connecticut.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rev. Elias Cooper, Rev. J. H. Hobart ; R. King, John Moore, John Onderdonk, Benjamin Walker.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Harris ; R. Harison, Gen. Clarkson, W. Ogden, Dr. Onderdonk.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. J. H. Hobart ; Dr. Onderdonk, G. H. Van Wagenen, D. M. Clarkson.

The Convention adjourned.

BENJAMIN MOORE, D. D.,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, New York.

Attested,

JOHN H. HOBART,

Secretary to the Convention.

TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

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OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK,

October 2d, and October 3d, A. D. 1810.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Parker Adams, Missionary.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's, Flushing.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, with which is connected Christ Church, North Hempstead.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts, and other churches in Otsego county.

The Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of — Church, Athens.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy, residing in this State, not regularly entitled to seats in the Convention, were admitted to honorary seats:

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York.

The Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacon, St. Michael's, Bloomingdale.

The Rev. William Berrian, Deacon.

The Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, officiating in St. Peter's, Albany.

The Rev. Joab G. Cooper, officiating in Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. Adam Empie, Deacon, officiating as Assistant Minister in St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Deacon.

The Rev. Isaac Jones, Deacon.

The Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. Joseph Perry, officiating in Christ Church, Balltown.

The Rev. William Powell, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, and St. George's Church, Newburgh.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. George Strebeck, New York.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, Deacon.

The Rev. William E. Wyatt, Deacon.

The following Clergy, residing in other States, were admitted to honorary seats:

The Rev. William Smith, D. D., of the Church of Connecticut.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Deacon, ditto.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

The Rev. Joseph Warren, of the Church in South Carolina.

The Rev. Amos Pardee, Lanesborough, Massachusetts.

LAY DELEGATES.

St. Ann's, Brooklyn, William Grigg, John Cornell, James B. Clarke.

Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore.

Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Samuel Colt.

St. James' Church, North Salem, Benjamin Close, Joshua Purdy.

Grace Church, New York, Wright Post.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Nathaniel Britton, Alexander Carnes.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Dr. David Fowler, William Taylor.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Thomas Harvey.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Andrew Graham.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, Cornelius Schuyler, Isaac Ermons, James Smith.

St. James' Church, Newtown, John Alsop.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Richard Platt, William Prince.

Trinity Church, New York, Dr. John Onderdonk.

St. Peter's Church, Albany, Robert Troup.

St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck, Silvanus Pine, Abraham Mesier.

St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Eliud Davis.

Christ Church, Balltown, Edward Watrous.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Nicholas Fish.

Bedford and Northcastle, David Olmstead, David Haight.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, Thomas Clowes, Hermanus Lott, Abraham Snedeker.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, Robert L. Reade.

St. John's, Yonkers, Henry White, Nathanael Valentine.

Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.

St. Matthew's, Unadilla, Abijah H. Beach.

Zion Church, New York, John P. Ritter, John Sparkes.

Grace Church, Waterford, Richard Davis, jun.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 2D, 1810.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting; the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Timothy Clowes, officiating Minister in St. Peter's Church, Albany; and a sermon preached by the Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York. After which, Samuel Fuller was admitted by the Bishop to the order of Deacons.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled; and the list of the Clergy entitled to seats being called over, agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Parker Adams, Missionary; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica; Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's, Flushing; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of — Church, Athens; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats, were absent:

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College; Rev. David Butler,

Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; Rev. Abraham L. Clarke, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, and St. Ann's Church, Fort Hunter; Rev. Daniel Nash, St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Lay Delegates exhibited the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats:

From St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, William Grigg, John Cornell, and James B. Clarke; Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore; Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp; Trinity Church, Geneva, Samuel Colt; St. James' Church, North Salem, Benjamin Close, and Joshua Purdy; Grace Church, New York, Wright Post; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Nathaniel Britton, and Alexander Carnes; St. George's Church, Newburgh, Dr. David Fowler, and Wm. Taylor; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, and Thomas Harvey; St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Andrew Graham; St. Stephen's Church, New York, Cornelius Schuyler, Isaac Emmons, and James Smith; St. James' Church, Newtown, John Alsop; St. George's Church, Flushing, Richard Platt, and William Prince; Trinity Church, New-York, Dr. John Onderdonk; St. Peter's Church, Albany, Robert Troup; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck, Silvanus Pine, and Abraham Mesier; St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Eliud Davis; Christ Church, Balltown, Edward Watrous; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Nicholas Fish; Bedford and Northcastle, David Olmstead, and David Haight; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Thomas Clowes, Hermanus Lott, and Abraham Snedeker; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, and Robert L. Reade; St. John's Church, Yonkers, Henry White, and Nathanael Valentine; Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman; St. Matthew's, Unadilla, Abijah H. Beach; Zion Church, New York, John P. Ritter, and John Sparkes; Grace Church, Waterford, Richard Davis, jun.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley having been instituted Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, and the Rev. John Reed having been instituted Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, appeared, and took their seats.

On motion,

Resolved, That ministers of this Church residing in this State, and not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to honorary

seats in this Convention, with the privilege of delivering their sentiments on any matters which may come before it.

The following Clergy took their seats agreeably to the foregoing resolution :

The Rev. William Berrian, Deacon ; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, officiating in St. Peter's Albany ; Rev. Joab G. Cooper, officiating in Christ Church, Hudson ; Rev. Adam Empie, Deacon, officiating as Assistant Minister in St. George's Church, Hempstead ; Rev. Samuel Fuller, Deacon ; Rev. Isaac Jones, Deacon ; Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. Joseph Perry, officiating in Christ Church, Balltown ; Rev. William Powell, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, and St. George's Church, Newburgh ; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica ; Rev. George Strebeck, New York ; Rev. R. Williston, Deacon ; Rev. William E. Wyatt, Deacon.

On motion,

Resolved, That ministers of the Church in other dioceses present at this Convention be admitted to honorary seats.

Agreeably to the foregoing resolution the following Clergy took their seats :

The Rev. Dr. William Smith, of the Church in Connecticut ; the Rev. J. C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, New Jersey ; the Rev. Joseph Warren, of the Church in South Carolina.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart was elected the Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. William Harris for his sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3D, 1810.

The Convention met, and Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, and of the other churches in Otsego county, appeared, and took his seat.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York; the Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacon, in St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale; the Rev. John Hooker Reynolds, of the Church in South Carolina; the Rev. Amos Pardee, of the Church in Massachusetts; and the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Deacon, of the Church in Connecticut, took their seats as honorary members, agreeably to the resolutions of yesterday.

Mr. James B. Clarke, a Lay Delegate from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, and David B. Ogden, a Lay Delegate from Grace Church, New York, appeared, and took their seats.

A certificate of the appointment of a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Hudson, was read and approved, and William E. Norman took his seat as Lay Delegate from said church.

A certificate of the incorporation of a church at Chenango Point, Broome county, was read.

On motion,

Resolved, That there does not appear to the Convention legal evidence of the incorporation of said church; but that it shall be received into union with this Convention when such legal evidence is exhibited; and that the Delegate from said church be now admitted to an honorary seat.

Certificates of the incorporation of Zion Church, New York; Grace Church, Waterford; St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Otsego county; St. John's Church, Catherine, Tioga county; St. Paul's Church, Balltown, Saratoga county, were approved, and the said churches received into union with this Convention.

Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates from several of the above churches were read and approved, and the following gentlemen appeared, and took their seats:

From St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Abijah H. Beach; Zion Church, New York, John P. Ritter and John Sparks; and from Grace Church, Waterford, Richard Davis.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Delegates from the Episcopal Church of South Salem, of the incorporation of which the Convention has no legal evidence, be admitted to honorary seats. Mr. Henry Hayt, Delegate from said church, was accordingly admitted to an honorary seat.

Agreeably to the 46th canon of the General Convention, "pro-

viding for making known the Constitution and Canons of the Church," the same were read by the Secretary.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the State of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop Moore delivered the following address :

"For the information of the Convention, I lay before them an account of my transactions, in the discharge of my Episcopal duties, during the preceding year.

"The holy rite of Confirmation has been administered at Rye, Albany, Paris, Geneva, Richfield, Exeter, Butternutts, Coopers-town, Fairfield, Johnstown, and St. Stephen's in this city. In the course of these visitations 455 persons have been confirmed.

"The under-named churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to the manner and form prescribed and used by the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States :

"Zion Church in this city ; St. James' in Hamilton Square on this Island ; Trinity Church at Geneva ; Christ Church in Coopers-town ; and Trinity Church at Newark, in New Jersey, at the request of the Standing Committee of the Church in that State.

"The following persons have been admitted to Holy Orders :

"Gilbert H. Sayres, Nathan Felch, Reuben Hubbard, Samuel Sewell, from Massachusetts, William Berrian, Ralph Williston, William Powell, William E. Wyatt, and Isaac Jones, have been ordained Deacons in the Church ; and James Chapin, Deacon, has been 'called unto the higher ministry of the Priesthood.'

"With the increasing population of our State, I have found small congregations springing up in various parts of the Western country. These feeble societies ought to be cherished and encouraged ; and the most effectual mode of doing this, will be, the sending of Missionaries among them, and supporting those Missionaries, without expecting, for the present, much aid from the people. The Convention will, therefore perceive the necessity of promoting, to the utmost, the annual collections which are made, at the time of preaching the missionary sermon."

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance ; which reasons were accepted.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, which were presented and read, and, as required by the said canon, inserted on the Journals.

St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 13—14; communicants, 51; marriages, 6; funerals, 2.

Christ Church, Rye and White Plains; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—The Parish of Rye and the White Plains, by the grace of God, is in a peaceable and harmonious state. The congregations are large, increasing, and in good fellowship among themselves, and with each other.

Marriages, 24; baptisms, 14; burials, 18; communicants, 55.

Christ Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 96; marriages, 52; communicants, 180.

St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 13; funeral, 1; marriages, 2; communicants, 22.

Grace Church, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector.—Baptisms, 20; communicants, about 50.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and *St. Paul's Church, East Chester*; Rev. Isaac Wilkins Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, children 18—21; marriages, 2; deaths, 4; communicants, about 60.

St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 9, infants 50—59; marriages, 8; funerals, 15; communicants, about 80.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, and *St. Ann's Church, Fort Hunter*; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector.*—*St. John's Church*. Baptisms, children and infants 11, adults 2—13; communicants, 21; marriages, 2; funerals, 2; families, of which 6 have been added this last year, about 30.

There are several families, and of them seven or eight communicants living at Amsterdam and in the other towns adjoining this, at the distance of eight and ten miles, whom, as they attend this Church, and communicate in it, I consider as belonging to it, and have added them to the above number.

St. Ann's Church. Baptisms, children and infants, 5; communicants, 6; funeral, 1; families, as last year, about 10.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 5, infants 61—66; marriages, 4; funerals, 19; families, about 300; communicants, 230.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

St. George's Parish, Hempstead, containing *St. George's Church, South Hempstead*, and *Christ Church, North Hempstead*; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, 36; marriages, 14; burials, 24; communicants, about 100.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Henry James Feltus, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, children 36—43; marriages, 10. Communicants, deaths and removals 12; additions, 28;—present number, 110. Funerals, infants and adults, about 10.

The Churches in the County of Otsego; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 20, children 168; marriages, 32; funerals, 37; for five years past. Communicants, about 150.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale; Rev. John V. Bartow, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, infants 10; marriages, 5; funerals, 3; communicants, about 50.

Christ Church, Balltown, and *St. Paul's Church, Charlton*; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 61, adults 4—65; communicants, about 100; marriages, 11; funerals, 10; families, 84; removals out of the parish, 5.

Nothing very important has transpired since the last report. I have twice visited the church in Stamford, Delaware county, and twice the one in Windham, Greene county. In both churches I performed Divine service, and baptised several children.

In the village of Ballstown Spa I organized a church in June last, and the prospect is truly flattering. Nicholas Low, Esq., has generously offered a building lot for said church; and there is reason to believe, from its local establishment, connected with the zeal manifested on the part of the people, that, in time, it will become a flourishing congregation.

St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham; Rev. William Powell, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 5; marriage, 1; communicants, 30, funerals, 2; families, 30.

St. George's Church, Newburgh. Baptisms, 4; communicants, 13; families, about 30; funerals, 2.

The Churches at Bedford and Northcastle; Rev. Nathan Felch, Deacon, officiating Minister.*—Baptisms, adults 2, children 6—8; marriage, 1; burials, 5; communicants, about 10.

The Episcopal Church in Bedford is in a very flourishing state; the congregation is numerous, respectable, and devout; an attach-

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

ment to all the rites and forms of the Church is continually increasing among them ; and as this attachment increases, so veneration for, and delight in, sober, rational, and scriptural piety and virtue increases.

The Episcopal congregation in North Salem is exceedingly prosperous. Many have been added to them in a few months past. They are now erecting a church.

A new Episcopal church has been incorporated in South Salem. Their prospect is truly pleasing at the present.

Christ Church, Hudson, and St. Paul's Church, Claverack ; Rev. Joab G. Cooper Rector.—Baptisms, 26 ; marriages, 2 ; funerals, 9 ; communicants, about 30. The number has increased since the last report.

The Parish of Trinity Church, New York, including Trinity Church, St. George's, St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapels ; Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 311 ; marriages, 92 ; funerals, 367 ; communicants, about 1000.

Grace Church, Jamaica ; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 8 ; marriage, 1 ; funerals, 4 ; communicants, 34.

St. James' Church, Milton, Grace Church, Waterford, and St. John's Church, Stillwater ; Rev. Parker Adams.—

St. James' Church, Milton. The congregation increases considerably, and promises, with due attention and encouragement, to be the largest in the county of Saratoga. Their house for public worship is completely finished, and re-painted within and without. It is large, convenient, and decently elegant.

Baptisms, adult 1, children 9—10 ; families, 36 ; communicants, 33.

Grace Church, Waterford. This congregation consists of thirteen families, and six other families, in which one of the heads belongs to the Episcopal Church.

Baptisms, 13 ; funerals, 2 ; communicants, 8.

The congregation at this place has lately become an organized church. The members are earnestly engaged in procuring means for building a decent church.

St. John's Church, Stillwater. This congregation consists of thirteen families entire, and a part of each of seven others.

Baptisms 3 ; communicants 13. The church building remains still unfinished.

Reports from the Missionaries, the Rev. Davenport Phelps, and the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, addressed to the Bishop, were severally read.

From the report of the Rev. Davenport Phelps, it appeared that since the last Convention he had devoted a considerable portion of his services to the church at Geneva; and had performed Divine service, and preached at Pulteneyville, at the Springs, at Catherine Town, Tioga county, where he attended to the incorporation of a church, at Honeyoye, at Aurelius, at Johnstown, at Angelica, Alleghany county, and at Chenango Point. At some of the above places he officiated several different times, and administered the Holy Communion. During the above period, his baptisms were 62 infants and 4 adults,—total 66; marriages, 4; funerals, 2 or 3. The following are extracts from his report:

On our LORD'S Nativity, read prayers, preached, and administered the Holy Communion to about thirty persons at Geneva. At this time the seats in the church, except in the gallery, were nearly all up and well filled. Besides the usual hymns for Christmas, the anthem from St. Luke's, 'Behold I bring you glad tidings,' &c. was well sung, and the 'Gloria in excelsis,' chanted by our choir, which is now considerably enlarged. The season was solemn, interesting, and, I trust, edifying.

"On every Friday, and sometimes on Wednesdays, when the duties of my mission have not required my absence, public prayers have been attended in Geneva. A devout attention to the duties of religion is paid by the churches generally."

From the report of the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, who was employed as a missionary to visit occasionally the vacant congregations in the counties of Green and Delaware, it appeared that he had officiated at Stamford, Blenham, Greenville, Durham, Windham, Coxsackie, and Catskill. At Stamford he administered the communion to 32 persons. It appeared from the reports of both the missionaries, that generally, the people where they officiated, appeared very solicitous for Divine service, and joined in the Liturgy of the Church with much devotion, making the responses decently and correctly.

The Clergy were called on for an account of the collections made in their respective congregations for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds; which account was accordingly rendered.

The Clergy who were appointed at the last Convention to visit and officiate in the vacant congregations, severally made report of their having discharged their duty.

The Rev. Mr. Bulkley, and the Rev. Mr. Reed, were appointed to officiate in the vacant congregation at Fishkill. And the

Bishop engaged to appoint some of the Clergy in Deacon's orders, to officiate in other vacant congregations.

The Bishop, and the Standing Committee, to whom was referred, at the last Convention, the memorial from the Africans and their descendants, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of New York, praying the decision of the Convention on the subject of one of their own colour being admitted to Holy Orders, Reported, for the consideration of the Convention, the following resolution :

Resolved, That, for the present, it is expedient that the Clergy of the city of New York be directed to officiate, under the superintendence of the Bishop, in such rotation, and at such times, and in such places as he may appoint, for the Africans and their descendants, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of New York. And that the Bishop be requested to license a person of colour, to act among them as a lay reader and catechist.

The Committee appointed by the Convention for making a collection of Psalm Tunes, Chants, and Voluntaries, to be recommended to be exclusively used in churches in this State, made the following report :

"They have selected a number of Psalm Tunes, which they consider as of a proper style for Church service ; the names of which they herewith present.

"With regard to Chants, they recommend the collection of the Rev. Dr. William Smith, so far as that collection comports with the Rubrics of the Church in the United States of America.

"It has not been in their power to come to any conclusion with regard to Voluntaries, both because it was impossible to collect such as would be suitable, and, if it were otherwise, so much depends upon the taste and judgment of the performer, as to render the attempt fruitless."

The list of Psalm Tunes accompanying the above report was read, and approved by the Convention, and recommended to be exclusively used in the churches in this State.

On motion,

Resolved, That the aforesaid tunes be published under the direction of the Bishop ; and that the copy right of the book containing them be secured by the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.

The Rev. Mr. Hart, the Rev. Mr. Butler, and the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, were appointed to attend the Convention of the Church in Connecticut.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Abraham Beach, Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rev. Elias Cooper, Rev. J. H. Hobart; R. King, J. Onderdonk, John Moore, Philip S. Van Rensselaer.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Hobart, Rev. Wm. Harris, Rev. N. Bowen; R. Harison, Gen. Clarkson, Dr. Onderdonk, W. Ogden.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Hobart, Rev. N. Bowen; G. H. Van Wagenen, D. M. Clarkson, Dr. Onderdonk.

The certificate of the incorporation of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, in the city of New York, was read and approved, and the said Church received into union with this Convention.

Mr. Garret H. Van Wagenen was re-elected, by ballot, the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned.

BENJAMIN MOORE, D. D.,

Bishop of the Prot. Epis. Church in the State of New York, and Presd't of the Convention

Attested,

JOHN HENRY HOBART, *Secretary.*

TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION.

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IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK,

May 14th, and May 15th, A. D. 1811.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

C L E R G Y.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy, in Columbia College.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's, Flushing.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Deacon, Missionary.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church Brooklyn.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Deacon, Missionary.

The Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts, and other churches in Otsego county.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

LAY DELEGATES.

Trinity Church, New York, Rufus King, Richard Harison, John Onderdonk, T. L. Ogden.

Grace Church, New York, D. B. Ogden, W. Post, Joshua Waddington.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Thomas Harvey.

St. Mark's, Bowery, New York, Mangle Minthorne, Martin Hoffman.

Du St. Esprit, New York, John Kemp, John B. Church, John Pintard.

St. Stephen's, New York, James Smith, John Pell, George Warner, Henry Pope.

St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter, William A. Davis.

St. James', New York, William H. Jephson.

Zion Church, New York, Lewis Hartman, Jacob Weaver.

St. Peter's, Albany, John Tayler, Robert Troup.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, James Emott, Thomas I. Oakley, Philo Ruggles.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Jacob Moore, Isaac Bregau.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Joshua Sands.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Richard Platt, Thomas Philips.

Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew A. Bartow.

Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.
 Caroline Church, Brookhaven, William Jayne.
 Trinity Church, Geneva, James Rees, Thomas Lowthrop.
 Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore.
 St. George's Church, Hempstead, Richard Thorne, Stephen Carman, Samuel Carman, W. Mitchell, George Hewlet.
 Bedford and Northcastle, William Jay.
 Trinity Church, New Rochelle, Micajah Pinckney, Jacob Bartow.
 Harmony Church, Butternutts, Jacob Morris.
 St. James' Church, Goshen, Henry G. Wisner, John Duer.
 St. John's Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Isaac Vermilye.
 Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck, Silvanus Pine, Abraham Mesier.
 Rye and White Plains, John Guion, David Rogers.
 St. Luke's Church, Catskill, James Bogardus, Henry Baker.
 Trinity Church, Utica, B. Walker.
 St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy, Epenetus Wallace.
 Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, James Denison.
 St. John's Church, Johnstown, William Egan.
 St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, W. Dongan.

NEW YORK, MAY 14TH, 1811.

This being the day appointed by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore for the meeting of a Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, a number of the Clergy and of the Lay Deputies attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church, in the city of New York.

Morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Daniel Nash, rector of the churches in Otsego county; and a sermon preached by the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.

After Divine service, the Convention assembled; and the Right Rev. Bishop Moore being absent from indisposition, the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., was called to the Chair.

The list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention being called over, agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica ; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle ; Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York ; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College ; Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh ; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's, Flushing ; Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary ; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers ; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Rev. Samuel Fuller, Deacon ; Rev. William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York ; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye ; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead ; Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York ; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts, and other churches in Otsego county ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens ; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats, were absent :

The Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, and St. Ann's, Fort Hunter ; Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State.

The Lay Delegates presented the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved ; and the following Delegates took their seats :

From Trinity Church, New York, Hon. Rufus King, Richard Ison, Esq., Dr. John Onderdonk, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq. ; the Church, New York, David B. Ogden, Esq., Dr. W. Post, Anna Waddington ; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Thomas Harvey ; St. Mark's, Bowery, New York, Mangle Torne, Martin Hoffman ; Du St. Esprit, New York, John A. LL. D., John B. Church, John Pintard ; St. Stephen's, New York, James Smith, John Pell, George Warner, Henry Pope ; St.

Michael's, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter, William A. Davis; St. James', New York, William H. Jephson; Zion Church, New York, Lewis Hartman, Jacob Weaver; St. Peter's, Albany, Hon. John Tayler, Robert Troup, Esq.; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Hon. James Emott, Thomas I. Oakley, Esq., Philo Ruggles, Esq.; St. James' Church, Newtown, Jacob Moore, Isaac Bregau; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Joshua Sands, Esq.; St. George's Church, Flushing, Col. R. Platt, Thomas Philips; Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew A. Bartow; Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman; Caroline Church, Brookhaven, William Jayne; Trinity Church, Geneva, James Rees, Thomas Lowthrop; Grace Church, Jamaica, J. Skidmore; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Richard Thorne, Stephen Carman, Esq., Samuel Carman, William Mitchell, George Hewlet; Bedford and Northcastle, William Jay; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, Micaiah Pinckney, Jacob Bartow; Harmony Church, Butternutts, Gen. Jacob Morris; St. James' Church, Goshen, Henry G. Wisner, Esq., John Duer, Esq.; St. John's Church, Yonkers, H. White, Isaac Vermilye; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck, Esq., Silvanus Pine, Abraham Mesier; Rye and White Plains, John Guion, David Rogers; St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, James Bogardus, Henry Baker; Trinity Church, Utica, Col. B. Walker; St. James', North Salem, Joshua Purdy, Epenetus Wallace; Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, James Denison.

The Rev. Dr. Beach was unanimously chosen President of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of the Church attending this Convention, and not entitled to seats, be admitted to the privilege of honorary seats. The following Clergy accordingly took their seats as honorary members:

The Rev. Mr. Barry, of New York; Rev. Mr. Strebeck, of New York; Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Hudson; Rev. Mr. Clowes, of St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. Mr. Jarvis, of St. Michael's, Bloomingdale; Rev. Mr. Sayres, of Grace Church, Jamaica; Rev. Mr. Wyatt, of St. James', Newtown; Rev. Mr. Powell, of St. Andrew's, Coldenham; Rev. Mr. Kemper, of New York; Rev. Mr. Williston, of Zion Church, New York; Rev. Daniel Burhans, of Connecticut; Rev. Mr. Willard, of Newark; Rev. Mr. Rudd, of Elizabethtown; Rev. Mr. Berrian, of Belville, New Jersey; Rev. Mr. Bartow, of Savannah.

The notification of the Secretary of the Convention, calling this

Special Convention, and the letter of the Bishop, directing the same, were read as follows :

“Whereas the Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, hath caused a letter to be addressed to the Secretary of the Convention of the said Church; which letter is in the words following :

‘NEW YORK, 20th March, 1811.

‘REV SIR,

‘The severe affliction with which it hath pleased Almighty God to visit me, has affected my state of health in such a manner, that it will be impossible for me, without assistance, to perform the duties of the Episcopal office. I am therefore anxious that a Special Convention should be called, for the purpose of deliberating on the propriety of appointing an Assistant Bishop in this Diocese. A variety of considerations, affecting the most important interests of our holy Church, appear to me to render this measure indispensable; and it is, I think, very desirable that the appointment should be made without delay, so that the consecration may take place at the ensuing General Convention. You will therefore be so good as to take the necessary steps for calling a Special Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to meet in the city of New York on the second Tuesday of May next.

‘Praying sincerely that all our undertakings may, by Divine providence, be guided in such a way, as may best conduce to the glory of God, and the good of His Church, I remain, with affection and esteem,

‘Rev. Sir,

‘Your friend and father in the LORD,

‘BENJAMIN MOORE,

‘*Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.*

‘By his son CLEMENT C. MOORE.

‘The Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.

Secretary of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.’

“Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions of the Bishop, contained in the above letter, notice is hereby given, that a Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York will be held, for the purpose specified in the letter aforesaid, in the city of New York, on the second Tuesday of May next, at 10 o’clock A. M., in Trinity Church; at which time and place the Clergy and the Lay Delegates are requested to attend.

“JOHN HENRY HOBART,

“*Secretary of the Convention.*

NEW YORK, March 21, 1811.”

A letter addressed to the Convention was read as follows :

“NEW YORK, May 14th, 1811.

“BRETHREN,

“The purposes for which I thought it expedient that you should be at this time assembled, are specified in the letter addressed by me to the Secretary of the Convention, requesting him to call you together.

“It has pleased God to mitigate the disease with which I have been visited; but as I feel persuaded of the utter improbability of my ever being again able

to perform my Episcopal functions, it is my deliberate and firm opinion that the reasons still exist, in all their force, which, at the time when the above-mentioned letter was written, induced me to think it expedient to have a Convention called. And that Almighty God may inspire your deliberations with sound wisdom and Christian unanimity, is the fervent prayer of

“Your affectionate Bishop,

“BENJAMIN MOORE,

“By his son CLEMENT C. MOORE.

“TO the MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION

of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.”

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That a Committee be appointed to express to the Right Rev. Bishop Moore the affectionate sympathy of this Convention with him in the afflictive dispensation of Providence with which he is visited.

The President of the Convention, the Rev. Dr. Bowden, the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, R. Harison, Esq., and R. Troup, Esq., were appointed a Committee for this purpose.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. David Butler for his sermon preached before them, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

On motion of David B. Ogden, Esq.,

Resolved, That this Convention will proceed to the choice of an Assistant Bishop.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be appointed for this purpose.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, 1811.

The Convention met, and Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Bartow.

After Divine service the Convention proceeded to business.

The Rev. Elias Cooper appeared, and took his seat.

The certificates of the Lay Delegates from several churches were read and approved; and the following Lay Delegates took their seats:

From St. John's Church, Johnstown, W. Egan; St. Andrew's, Staten Island, W. Dongan; St. George's, Hempstead, Richard

Thorne, and W. Mitchell; St. Luke's, Cattskill, James Bogardus, and Henry Baker.

A certificate of the incorporation of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, in the county of Albany, was read, and approved, and the said church received into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

On motion of Richard Harison, Esq., the following resolutions were agreed to:

Resolved, That the Convention will now proceed to the choice of a Bishop; to assist Bishop Moore in the duties of his Episcopal office, and to succeed him in case of survivorship.

Resolved, That the choice of the Bishop be made by ballot.

Resolved, That the Rev. Isaac Wilkins and Rufus King, Esq., be, and they are hereby appointed to assist the Secretary in taking and counting the votes, under the direction of the President.

The Convention then proceeded to the election; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., was elected by a majority of both orders.

The Convention proceeded to sign the testimonial required on the part of a Bishop elect by the third canon, as follows:

"We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that the Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office. We do moreover jointly and severally declare, that we in our consciences believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, to the honour of God and the edifying of His Church, and to be an wholesome example to the flock of CHRIST."

Abraham Beach, President of the Convention.

Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.

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Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

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Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts, and other churches in Otsego county.

Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens.

John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

Rufus King, Richard Harison, John Onderdonk, T. L. Ogden, Trinity Church, New York.

D. B. Ogden, Joshua Waddington, W. Post, Grace Church, New York.

George Dominick, Thomas Harvey, Christ Church, New York, John Kemp, John B. Church, John Pintard, Du St. Esprit, New York.

Henry Pope, St. Stephen's, New York.

Valentine Nutter, William A. Davis, St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, New York.

William H. Jephson, St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York.

Lewis Hartman, Zion Church, New York.

Robert Troup, John Tayler, St. Peter's, Albany.

James Enott, Thomas I. Oakley, Philo Ruggles, Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

Isaac Bregau, St. James' Church, Newtown.

Richard Platt, St. George's Church, Flushing.

Andrew A. Bartow, Trinity Church, Fairfield.

William E. Norman, Christ Church, Hudson.

William Jayne, Caroline Church, Brookhaven.

James Rees, Trinity Church, Geneva.

John Skidmore, Grace Church, Jamaica.

Stephen Carman, George Hewlet, Samuel Carman, Richard Thorne, W. Mitchell, St. George's Church, Hempstead.

Jacob Bartow, Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Jacob Morris, Harmony Church, Butternutts.

Henry G. Wisner, John Duer, St. James' Church, Goshen.

Abraham Mesier, Silvanus Pine, Trinity Church, Fishkill.

B. Walker, Trinity Church, Utica.

James Denison, Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.

Henry White, St. John's Church, Yonkers.

William Egan, St. John's Church, Johnstown.

Martin Hoffman, St. Mark's Church, Bowery.

Resolved, That the Clerical and Lay Delegates appointed to attend the General Convention, be directed to lay the foregoing testimonial before that body.

The thanks of the Convention were unanimously returned to the President.

The Convention adjourned.

ABRAHAM BEACH, *President*.

TWENTY-SIXTH CONVENTION

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The Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; with which is connected Christ Church, North Hempstead.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Cave Jones, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. R. C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller Missionary.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats in the Convention, were admitted to honorary seats :

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York.

The Rev. John V. Bartow, Savannah, Georgia.

The Rev. William Berrian, Deacon.

The Rev. John Croes, jun., of the Church of New Jersey.

The Rev. Adam Empie, Deacon, officiating as Assistant Minister in St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. William Powell, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, and St. George's Church, Newburgh.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, Deacon, officiating in Zion Church, New York.

The Rev. William E. Wyatt, Deacon, officiating in St. James' Church, Newtown.

The Rev. John Brady, of the Church of New Jersey.

The Rev. William Smith, D. D., of the Church of Connecticut.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, and St. James', Hamilton Square.

LAY DELEGATES.

St. Ann's, Brooklyn, William Grigg, John Cornell, James B. Clarke.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Archibald Jayne.

Christ Church, Hudson, Silas Stone.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, William W. Sackett, Joseph Hoffman, Gilbert Ogden Fowler.

St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, William H. Jephson, Peter Schermerhorn.

Trinity Church, New York, Rufus King, Richard Harison, Dr. John Onderdonk, T. L. Ogden.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, Henry Pope, Cornelius Schuyler, John Drake, Adolph Carter.

Christ Church, Rye, John P. Delancey.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, Benjamin Tredwell, George Hewlett.

St. James', North Salem, Zalred June, Joshua Purdy.

— Church, South Salem, Samuel B. Isaacs.

Zion Church, New York, John P. Ritter, Lewis Hartman.

St. James', Church, Newtown, Nathaniel Moore, John Alsop.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, William Ogden, Robert Bird.

Grace Church, New York, Dr. Wright Post, David B. Ogden.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Thomas Harvey.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Thomas Colden, Andrew Graham.

Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore, John Hoogland.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Samuel Colt.

St. Michael's, Church, Bloomingdale, Valentine Nutter, Isaac Jones.

Du St. Esprit, New York, Dr. John Kemp.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, James Guion, John Vandyke.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, James Emott, Robert L. Reed.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Richard Platt, John Titus.

St. John's, Church, Yonkers, Henry White.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 1ST, 1811.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York; and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, and a sermon preached by the Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric in Columbia College. After

which the Rev. John Croes, jun., and the Rev. Samuel Fuller, Deacons, were admitted by the Bishop to the holy order of Priests.

After Divine service the Convention assembled; and the list of the Clergy entitled to seats being called over, agreeably to the 2d canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western parts of the State; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats, were absent:

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, and St. Ann's Church, Fort Hunter; Rev. Daniel Nash, St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; Rev. Reuben Hubbard, Missionary at Duanesborough, and the churches adjacent; Rev. William A. Clarke, Missionary in the western parts of the State.

The Lay Delegates exhibited the certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats:

From Trinity Church, New York, Rufus King, Richard Harison, Dr. John Onderdonk, and Thomas L. Ogden; St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, William H. Jephson, and Peter Schermerhorn; Christ Church, Rye, John P. Delancey; Trinity Church, Geneva,

Samuel Colt ; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck ; St. George's Church, Newburgh, William W. Sackett, Gilbert Ogden Fowler, and Joseph Hoffman ; Du St. Esprit, Dr. John Kemp ; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, Valentine Nutter, and Isaac Jones ; Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore, and John Hoogland ; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, James Emott, and Robert L. Reed ; St. James' Church, North Salem, Zalred June, and Joshua Purdy ; Zion Church, New York, John P. Ritter, and Lewis Hartman ; — Church, South Salem, Samuel B. Isaacs ; St. James' Church, Newtown, Nathaniel Moore, and John Alsop ; Grace Church, New York, Wright Post, and David B. Ogden ; St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, William Ogden, and Robert Bird ; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, and Thomas Harvey ; St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Thomas Colden, and Andrew Graham ; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, James Guion, and John Vandyke ; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, William Grigg, John Cornell, and James B. Clarke ; St. Stephen's Church, New York, Henry Pope, Cornelius Schulyer, Adolph Carter, and John Drake ; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Benjamin Tredwell, and George Hewlett ; Christ Church, Hudson, Silas Stone ; St. George's Church, Flushing, Richard Platt.

A certificate of the incorporation of a church in the town of South Salem, in the county of West Chester, was read, and the same received into union with this Convention.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell was elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Dr. Bowden for his sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the State of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following address :

"The 45th Canon of the General Convention requires, that at every annual Convention of each State or Diocese the Bishop shall deliver an address, stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention. The first sentiment which I am confident will occur to you on this occasion, and which deeply impresses my mind, is the recollection of him who has heretofore addressed you from this place. The afflictive dispensation of Providence which

deprived the Church of the much valued services of your venerable Diocesan, suspended all Episcopal functions in this Diocese. And since provision has been made for the discharge of them, there are no other transactions to be noticed, than the admission of John Brady to the order of Deacons, and the removal of the Rev. Joab G. Cooper, of Hudson, into another Diocese.

“Before the return of the next annual Convention, the frequent exercise of the Episcopal functions will become necessary. And in the discharge of the duties of my station, to the best of my abilities, and with the most fervent desire to promote the interests of CHRIST’S kingdom, next to His presence and blessing, I shall rely, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, on your indulgence, your support and counsel, and your prayers.”

The Convention adjourned until ten o’clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2D, 1811.

The Convention met, and Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Phelps, missionary in the western parts of the State.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Church who are not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention.

The following Clergy took their seats agreeably to the foregoing resolution :

The Rev. William Berrian, Deacon ; Rev. Adam Empie, Deacon, officiating as Assistant Minister in St. George’s Church, Hempstead ; Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew’s Church, Staten Island ; Rev. John V. Bartow, Savannah, Georgia ; Rev. John Brady, of the Church in New Jersey ; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica : Rev. Ralph Williston, Deacon, officiating in Zion Church, New York ; Rev. William E. Wyatt, Deacon, officiating in St. James’ Church, Newtown ; Rev. William Powell, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrew’s Church, Orange county, and St. George’s Church, Newburgh ; Rev. Dr. William Smith, of the Church in Connecticut.

Certificates of the appointment of a Lay Delegate from St. John’s Church, Yonkers, and Caroline Church, Brookhaven, were read and approved, and the following gentlemen took their seats :

St. John’s Church, Yonkers, Henry White ; Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Archibald Jayne.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George’s Church, Hemp-

stead, and Mr. John Titus, a Lay Delegate from St. George's Church, Flushing, appeared, and took their seats.

A certificate of the incorporation of a church in the town of Sheldon, in the county of Genesee, in the State of New York, was read, and the same received into union with this Church.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance; which reasons were accepted.

On motion, a canon was passed altering the 1st canon of this Church, passed in 1796, in relation to the time appointed for making collections for the Missionary Fund, and directing that the ministers of this Church perform that duty some time in the month of September, or at such other seasons as may to them seem most suitable.

The Standing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention; and their report was read, and approved.

The Clergy were called on for an account of the collections made in their respective congregations for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds; which account was accordingly rendered.

The Clergy who were appointed at the last Convention to visit and officiate in vacant congregations, severally made report of their having discharged their duty.

The following appointments were made by the Bishop, *viz.* the Rev. John Reed to visit and officiate in Fishkill; Rev. Mr. Clowes, Waterford and Stillwater; Rev. Mr. Powell, Goshen; Rev. Mr. Prentiss, Hudson; and Rev. Mr. Fuller, Catskill.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, which were presented and read, and, as required by the said canon, inserted on the Journals.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven; Rev. Nathan B. Burgess.—Baptisms, adults 4, infants 8—12; funerals, 5; marriages, 2.

The people, though few in number, are spirited, and making great exertions to put the church in decent order.

Bedford and Northcastle; Rev. Nathan Felch.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 8—14; marriages, 3; funerals, 4; communicants, 15.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; Rev. David Butler, Rector.—*St. Paul's Church*. Baptisms, 27; marriages, 4; funerals, 11; communicants, 45.

Trinity Church. Baptisms, adult 1, infants 8—9; marriages, 2; funerals, 5; communicants 17.

Grace Church, Jamaica; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 11; marriages, 3; funerals, 5; communicants, 35.

The united Parishes of St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, and St. James', Hamilton Square; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis.—*St. Michael's*. Baptisms, 3; marriages, 2; death, 1; communicants during the winter, 20.

St. James' Church. As *St. James' Church* is not opened during the winter season, the communicants of that church are, of course, included in the parochial reports of *Trinity* and other churches in the city. The communicants mentioned as belonging to *St. Michael's Church*, are such as reside out of town the whole year, and therefore belong exclusively to that parish.

Christ Church, Rye and White Plains; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—The church at *Rye* and the parish of *White Plains*, are in a peaceable, harmonious, and flourishing state; in good fellowship among themselves, and with each other.

Baptisms, 7; marriages, 14; communicants, about 50; deaths, adults 11, children 5—16.

Grace Church, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector.—Baptisms, 27; marriages, 4; burials, 6; communicants, about 100.

St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Baptisms, 16; marriages, 9; communicants, 48.

Though death has reduced the number of communicants since the last return, there are hopes (from present appearances) that the number will soon be augmented. The church has been better attended of late, than for two years past, and the seriousness and attention exhibited show that religion is reviving among us.

St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 15; marriages, 10; funerals, 2; communicants, 29.

St. George's Parish, Hempstead, containing *St. George's Church, South Hempstead*, and *Christ Church, North Hempstead*; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, 23; burials, 26; marriages, 11; communicants, about 100.

Parish of Trinity Church, New York, including *Trinity Church, St. George's, St. Paul's*, and *St. John's Chapels*; Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Rector.—Baptisms, 312; burials, 461; marriages, 60; communicants, by estimation 1000.

Trinity Church, Utica, St. Paul's Church, Paris, Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county, and *Christ Church, Madison county*; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector.*—*Trinity Church, Utica*. Baptisms, adult 1, infants 9—10; marriage, 1; families, 27; communicants, 22.

St. Paul's Church, Paris. Baptisms, adult 1, infants 7—8; communicants, 77.

Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county. Baptisms, 8; families, 25; communicants, 30.

Christ Church, Madison county. Baptisms, 2; families, about 20.

I visited Camden, about thirty-seven miles from Utica, August 11, performed Divine service, and baptised twenty-one children and infants. Here are about fifteen Episcopal families. I have preached in several other places, in the vicinity of Utica, where there are a few Episcopalians.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and *St. Paul's Church, East Chester*; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 13; marriages, 3; deaths, 5; communicants, about 60.

St. George's Church, Newburgh; Rev. William Powell, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 6; marriages, 2; communicants, 13; families, about 30.

St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham. Baptisms, 25; marriages, 4; funerals, 2; communicants, 47; families, 30.

Zion Church, New York; Rev. Ralph Williston, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 5, infants 54—59; marriages, 86; funerals, adults 14, children 19—33; communicants, 59.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island; Rev. William E. Wyatt, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, since February 1, 1811, adults 17, infants 15—32; marriages, 3; funerals, 2; communicants, 26.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Baptisms, 32; marriages, 10; families, about 90; communicants, about 70.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. David Moore, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 46 ; marriages, 16 ; funerals, 27 ; families, about 300 ; communicants, 246.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Marriages, 12 ; funerals, 10 ; communicants, 112.

Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 130 ; marriages, 53 ; communicants, 190.

Trinity Church, Athens ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms, 48 ; marriages, 12 ; funerals, 10 ; communicants, 30.

St. Peter's Church, Albany ; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, officiating Minister.*—Baptisms, adults 5, infants 85—90 ; marriages, 10 ; funerals, 18 ; communicants, about 100.

Reports from the missionaries, the Rev. Davenport Phelps, and the Rev. Samuel Fuller, addressed to the Bishop, were severally read.

From the report of the Rev. Davenport Phelps, it appeared, that since the last Convention he had devoted a considerable portion of his services to the church at Geneva ; and had performed Divine service, and preached at Aurelius, at Pulteneyville, at Honeyoye, at Catharine Town, Tioga county, where “the newly organized church appears to possess a good degree of devotion, and an earnest desire to enjoy the regular administration of the Gospel.” At Bloomfield, in Ontario county, he performed Divine service, and attended the incorporation of a church. At several other places he officiated frequently, and administered the Holy Communion. During the above period, his baptisms were 8 adults and 57 infants, total 65 ; 5 funerals ; 1 marriage. His report closes with the following remarks :

“In addition to the foregoing detail, I beg leave to remark, that at the commencement of the last year, Bishop Moore was pleased to permit me to devote the one-half of my time, and more, if it should be my choice, to the church in Geneva, and to dispose of the remainder at my own discretion ; kindly suggesting, that considering the fatigue of my past labours, the Committee were willing it should be lessened. But the repeated and distant calls for the performance of clerical duties, not only from the churches incorporated before the last year, but from those which have been

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more recently organized, render it impossible, and certainly improper, for an individual clergyman to remain on that station, where *three*, at least, are wanted, without subjecting himself to very great labour and fatigue. The pressing want of more missionaries in that quarter is a subject I have often mentioned in my former communications, and it is a subject that lies with still more weight on my mind; because the calls for missionary aid have increased, and are still increasing. The distance from Geneva to the respective places I have occasion to visit, is as follows: to the Springs 13 miles, to Pulteneyville 35, to Bloomfield 25, to Honeyoye 30, to Catharine 50, to Sheldon, in the county of Genesee, 80, besides visiting the counties of Cayuga and Onondaga, for the purpose of administering the Holy Communion, and performing other duties.

"In most of the foregoing infant churches there has been an increase of numbers, and very generally a devout attendance on the public services of the Church. And that due provision may be made for sending more labourers into this extensive field, is the ardent prayer of

"Right Rev. Sir,

"Your faithful and obedient servant in CHRIST,

"D. PHELPS.

"Right Rev. Dr. Hobart."

The following is an extract from the report of the Rev. Samuel Fuller :

"Sunday, Oct. 21, 1810, the service of the Church was attended, the first time, in the village in Rensselaerville. Since that time an Episcopal society has been organized according to law, and has been received into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State. At present about twenty families are attached to the Church; and some others attend our worship occasionally. The responses have been made decently by a respectable number of people; and such a general solemnity was apparent, during the service, as to indicate, that they worshipped not only with their lips, but in their hearts.

"Under existing circumstances, the growth of the Society very much depends on their being able to build a house of worship. A subscription for this purpose is circulating, and it is hoped they will meet with such encouragement, as not to fail in the desired object. Could the Society be preserved a few years, during its infancy, there is every prospect that, eventually, it will become numerous and respectable.

"In Durham there are at present about twenty families of Episcopalians. They have had very little Episcopal preaching until the year past.

“In Windham there is an organized Episcopal society : for some years past it has been considerably run down by other denominations ; at present, however, they are more encouraged, and are very desirous of a clergyman a part of the time.

“There is a great want of clergymen in this quarter. Owing to this circumstance, in some places societies are not formed, where otherwise the prospects are not discouraging ; and some societies that are formed are in danger, in time, of being overrun by other denominations.

“On the whole, it is apparent, that the interest of the Church in this quarter is increasing. With suitable attention, a number of congregations may be built up ; and some of them in places where, till lately, the worship of the Church was not attended.

“SAMUEL FULLER.

“Right Rev. Bishop Hobart.”

The following persons were appointed Delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Wilkins, Rev. Mr. How, Rev. Mr. Cooper ; R. King, John Moore, P. S. Van Rensselaer, John Onderdonk.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Harris, Rev. N. Bowen, Rev. Dr. Bowden ; R. Harison, Gen. Clarkson, Dr. Onderdonk, W. Ogden.

The following persons were chosen Members of the Committee for the Propagation of the Gospel in the State of New York :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Bowden, Rev. Mr. Bowen ; G. H. Van Wagenen, D. M. Clarkson, Dr. John Onderdonk.

Mr. Garret H. Van Wagenen was re-elected, by ballot, the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Assistant Bishop of the P. E. Church in the State of New York, and Presd't of the Convention.

Attested,

THOMAS LYELL, *Secretary.*

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The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's, Flushing.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Deacon, Missionary.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts, and other churches in Otsego county.

The Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James', Milton.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Rev. Nathan B. Burgess, of Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Long Island.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York.

The Rev. John M'Vickar, of St. James', Hyde Park.

The Rev. Timothy Clowes, Deacon, St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, and St. James', Hamilton Square.

The Rev. John Brady, Deacon, St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, Zion Church, New York.

The Rev. Birdseye G. Noble, Deacon, St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. William Powell, Deacon, St. Andrew's Church, Col-denham.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Deacon, New York.

The Rev. William E. Wyatt, Deacon, St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey

The Rev. Adam Empie, of Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Rev. John V. Bartow, of Savannah, Georgia.

The Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D., Bishop elect of the Church in South Carolina.

LAY DELEGATES.

Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, David M. Clarkson, Robert Troup, Thomas L. Ogden.

Grace Church, New York, John Slidell, Wright Post, David B. Ogden.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Thomas Harvey.

St. Mark's, Bowery, New York, Mangle Minthorne, Edward Lyde, Andrew Ogden.

Du St. Esprit, New York, Cadwallader D. Colden, John Pintard, John B. Church.

St. Stephen's New York, Henry Pope, Tunis Bergh, David Marsh, John Pollion.

St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentiue Nutter, William A. Davis, Frederick Depeyster, Isaac Jones.

St. James', Hamilton Square, New York, Martin Hoffman, Peter Schermerhorn.

Zion Church, New York, John P. Ritter, Joseph Graff, Lazarus Beach.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, David Brooks.

St. James', Newtown, Timothy Roach, John Ebbitts.

St. Ann's, Brooklyn, James B. Clarke, William Grigg, John Cornell.

St. George's, Flushing, Richard Platt.

Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew A. Bartow.

Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Thomas Lowthrop.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Rufus King.

St. George's, Hempstead, Benjamin Tredwell, ——— Hewlet.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, David Coutant, Theophilus Bartow.

St. James' Church, Goshen, William Thompson, George D. Wickham.

St. John's, Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Elijah Valentine.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck.

Christ Church, Rye, Peter J. Munro, John P. Delancey.

St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, William Seaman.

Trinity Church, Utica, Morris S. Miller.

St. James', North Salem, Joshua Purdy.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Joseph Bedell, Alexander Carnes, John Vanduyke.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Samuel Bard, Nathaniel Pen-
dleton.

Christ Church, Cooperstown, Issaac Cooper.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, David Fowler, Thos. Farmer.

Grace Church, Waterford, John Vibbard.

St. Peter's Church, Stamford, Joseph D. Beers.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, Abijah Hammond, Richard
V. Morris.

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, Isaac Ward.

St. Peter's, Pulteneyville, Henry Laight.

Trinity Church, Athens, Delucena Backus.

St. George's Church, New York, Harry Peters, G. H. Van
Wagenen, Francis Dominick, Edward W. Laight.

St. Matthew's, Unadilla, Curtis Noble.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 6TH, 1812.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York; and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Hudson; and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Mr. Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; after which the Rev. John M'Vickar, Deacon, was admitted by the Bishop to the holy order of Priests.

Divine service being ended, the Convention assembled, and the list of the Clergy being called over, agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's, Flushing; Rev. Orin Clark, Deacon, Missionary; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary;

Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts, and other churches in Otsego county; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James', Milton; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Hudson; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were absent :

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; Rev. Davenport Phelps, Missionary; Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary.

The Lay Delegates exhibited certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Delegates took their seats :

From Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, David M. Clarkson, Robert Troup, Thomas L. Ogden; Grace Church, New York, John Slidell, Wright Post, David B. Ogden; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Thomas Harvey; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Mangle Minthorne, Edward Lyde; Du St. Esprit, New York, Cadwallader D. Colden, John Pintard, John B. Church; St. Stephen's, New York, Henry Pope, Tunis Bergh, David Marsh, John Pollion; St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter, William A. Davis, Frederick Depeyster, Isaac Jones; St. James', New York, Martin Hoffman; Zion Church, New York, John P. Ritter, Joseph Graff, Lazarus Beach; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, David Brooks; St. James', Newtown, Timothy Roach, John Ebbitts; St. Ann's Brooklyn, James B. Clarke, William Grigg, John Cornell; St. George's Church, Flushing, Richard Platt; Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew A. Bartow; Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman; Trinity Church, Geneva, Thos. Lowthrop; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Benjamin Tredwell; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, David Coutant; St. James' Church, Goshen, William Thompson, George D. Wickham; St. John's Church, Yonkers,

Henry White, Elijah Valentine ; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Daniel C. Verplanck ; Christ Church, Rye, Peter J. Munro ; St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, William Seaman ; Trinity Church, Utica, Morris S. Miller ; St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy ; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Joseph Bedell, Alexander Carnes, John Vandyke ; St. George's Church, Newburgh, David Fowler, Thomas Farmer ; Grace Church, Waterford, John Vibbard ; St. Peter's Church, Stamford, Joseph D. Beers ; St. Peter's Church, West Chester, Abijah Hammond, Richard V. Morris ; St. Paul's Church, East Chester, Isaac Ward ; St. Peter's, Pulteneyville, Henry Laight ; Trinity Church, Athens, Delucena Backus.

Certificates of the incorporation of St. James' Church, at Hyde Park, in the town of Clinton, county of Dutchess ; and of Christ Church, Cooperstown, in the county of Otsego, were read, and the said churches received into union with this Convention : whereupon Dr. Samuel Bard, and Nathaniel Pendleton, Esq., of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, and Isaac Cooper, of Christ Church, Cooperstown, having presented certificates of their appointment as Lay Delegates, were admitted members of the Convention.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell was, by ballot, elected the Secretary of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 1812.

The Convention met, and Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The following Lay Delegates, who were absent yesterday when the certificates of their appointment were read, appeared, and took their seats :

From St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Andrew Ogden ; St. James' Church, New York, Peter Schermerhorn ; Christ Church, Rye, John P. Delancey ; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, Theophilus Bartow.

A certificate of the incorporation of St. George's Church, New York, was read and approved, and the same received into union with this Convention : whereupon Harry Peters, G. H. Van Wa-

genen, Francis Dominick, and Edward W. Laight, having presented a certificate of their appointment as Lay Delegates from said church, which was read, and approved, took their seats in the Convention.

A certificate of the appointment of Curtis Noble, a Lay Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, was read, and approved, and Mr. Noble took his seat.

A certificate of the incorporation of Christ Church, in the village of Manlius, was read, and approved, and the same received into union with this Church.

A certificate of the appointment of Mr. Hewlet, a Lay Delegate from Hempstead, was read, and approved, and Mr. Hewlet took his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Church who are not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

The following Clergy took their seats agreeably to the foregoing resolution :

The Rev. Mr. Burgess, of Brookhaven, Long Island ; Rev. Mr. Barry, of New York ; Rev. Mr. McVickar, of St. James', Hyde Park ; Rev. Mr. Clowes, Deacon, of St. Peter's Church, Albany ; Rev. Mr. Jarvis, of St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, and St. James', Hamilton Square ; Rev. Mr. Brady, Deacon, St. George's, New York ; Rev. Mr. Williston, Zion Church, New York ; Rev. Mr. Noble, Deacon, St. George's Church, Hempstead ; Rev. Mr. Sayres, Grace Church, Jamaica ; Rev. Mr. Powell, Deacon, St. Andrew's, Coldenham ; Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, Deacon, New York ; Rev. Mr. Wyatt, Deacon, St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island ; Rev. Mr. Rudd, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey ; Rev. Mr. Empie, of Wilmington, North Carolina ; Rev. Mr. Bartow, of Savannah, Georgia.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Dehon, Bishop elect of South Carolina, be invited to a seat in this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Perry, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James', Milton, appeared, and took his seat.

A certificate of the appointment of the Honourable Rufus King

and John Motley, Lay Delegates from Grace Church, Jamaica, was read, and approved, and Mr. King took his seat.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Reed for his sermon preached before them yesterday, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Clergy who were absent last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance ; which reasons were accepted.

A letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, addressed to the Rev. Clerical and to the Lay Members of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, was read, which is as follows, *viz.* :

*“ To the Rev. Clerical, and to the Lay Members of the Convention
of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.*

“ BRETHREN,

“ This being the day appointed by our Church for your Convention, I think proper to address you.

“ You well know that in the year 1801 I proffered to the State Convention a resignation of my jurisdiction as Bishop of this Diocese, and that immediately afterwards I communicated to the General Convention, then in session at Trenton, information of the step I had taken. For a long time I fully believed that my act of resignation was recognized as effectual. But having some time since become acquainted with the proceedings of the State and General Conventions in relation to this subject, and feeling a due respect for the sentiments of the General Convention, so strongly and decisively expressed in the resolution of the House of Bishops of the 7th of September, 1801, I think it my duty to inform you, that though it has not pleased God to bless me with health that will enable me to discharge all the duties of a Diocesan, and for that reason I cannot now attend the Convention ; yet I am ready to act in deference to the resolution above mentioned, and to concur in any regulations which expediency may dictate to the Church ; without which concurrence I am, after the resolution of the House of Bishops, bound to consider every Episcopal act as unauthorized.

“ With my earnest prayers to Almighty God for the prosperity and peace of our Church, for the spiritual welfare and temporal happiness of all its members,

“ I am,

“ My dearly beloved Brethren,

“ Your affectionate Father in God,

“ SAMUEL PROVOOST,

“ Bishop of the Prot. Episc. Church in the State of New York, and Diocesan of the same.

“ NEW YORK, 6th Oct. 1812.”

Whereupon the following resolutions were proposed and considered :

“ Whereas by the Constitution of this Church the right of electing the Bishop thereof is vested in, and appertains to the Convention of this State : And whereas the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as the Diocesan thereof may be resigned, although the spiritual character or order of the Bishop is indelible ; and such resignation, when the same is accepted by the Convention, creates a vacancy in the office of Diocesan Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State : And whereas the Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., being then the Diocesan Bishop of the said Church in this State, did, on the third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, resign his Episcopal jurisdiction of this Diocese to the Convention of the said Church in this State ; and the said Convention did on the next day accept the said resignation, and on the following day proceeded to the choice, by ballot, of a person to succeed the said Diocesan Bishop ; and thereupon the Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., was unanimously chosen by the Clergy and Laity, and received from them, as Bishop elect of this Church, the testimonial required by the Canon of the General Convention : And whereas the said Benjamin Moore was, on the eleventh day of the said month of September, rightly and canonically consecrated into the office of Bishop of the said Church, and from that time hath exercised the powers and jurisdiction of Diocesan Bishop in this State : And whereas this Convention hath been given to understand that doubts have been entertained whether the office and jurisdiction of Diocesan Bishop became vacant by the said resignation and acceptance thereof, and whether the said Benjamin Moore was of right the Diocesan Bishop of the said Church in this State by virtue of the election and consecration herein before mentioned : And whereas this Convention hath further understood that since the last Convention the said Bishop Provoost hath assumed, and by his letter this day read in Convention does claim, the title and character of Diocesan Bishop :—Now, therefore, in order to obviate the said doubts, and with a view to restore and preserve the peace and order of the Church, this Convention doth hereby resolve and declare,

“ That the Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, from and immediately after the acceptance of his resignation by the Convention of the Church in this State, ceased to be the Diocesan Bishop thereof, and could no longer rightfully exercise the functions or jurisdiction appertaining to that office ; that having ceased to be the Diocesan Bishop as aforesaid, he could neither resume, nor be restored to that character by any act of his own or of the General Convention, or either of its houses, without the consent and participation of the said State Convention, which consent and participation the said Bishop Provoost has not obtained ; and that his claim to such character is therefore unfounded.

“ And further this Convention doth declare and resolve, that the spiritual order of Bishop having been canonically conferred upon the said Benjamin Moore, he became thereby, in consequence of the said previous election, *ipso facto*, and of right, the Diocesan Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and as such, well entitled to all the jurisdiction and pre-eminence belonging to that office, and which have been, and may be, canonically exercised by him personally, or through his co-adjutor, in the said character.

“ And this Convention, in their own names, and for the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, do hereby solemnly declare and acknowledge the said Benjamin Moore, and no other person, to be their true and lawful Diocesan Bishop ; and that respect and obedience ought of right to be paid to him as such.”

The question on the passage of the above resolutions being taken, they were carried in the affirmative.

YEAS, Clergy.—The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., the Rev. William Berrian, the Rev. Nathanael Bowen, the Rev. John Bowden, D. D., the Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, the Rev. Orin Clark, the Rev. Elias Cooper, the Rev. Samuel Fuller, the Rev. Samuel Haskell, the Rev. Seth Hart, the Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., the Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Daniel Nash, the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, the Rev. John Reed, the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D.

*Laity.**—St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, a church and chapel, 2; St. George's Church, Hempstead, a church and chapel, 2; Grace Church, New York, 1; Christ Church, New York, 1; Du St. Esprit, New York, 1; Trinity Church, New York, a church and two chapels, 3; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, 1; St. Stephen's Church, New York, 1; St. James' Church, New York, 1; Zion Church, New York, 1; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, 1; St. James' Church, Newtown, 1; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, 1; St. George's Church, Flushing, 1; Trinity Church, Fairfield, 1; Christ Church, Hudson, 1; Trinity Church, Geneva, 1; Grace Church, Jamaica, 1; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, 1; St. James' Church, Goshen, 1; St. John's Church, Yonkers, 1; Christ Church, Rye, 1; St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, 1; Trinity Church, Utica, 1; St. James' Church, Hyde Park, 1; Christ Church, Cooperstown, 1; St. Peter's Church, Stamford, 1; St. Peter's Church, West Chester, 1; St. Peter's Church, Pulteneyville, 1; Trinity Church, Athens, 1; St. George's Church, New York, 1; St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, 1.

NAYS, Clergy.—None.

Laity.—St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, 1; Trinity Church, Fishkill, 1.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, divided.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, the Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Mr. Feltus, were excused from voting, and expressed their determination to submit to the decision of the Convention.

The Delegate from St. James' Church, North Salem, was also excused from voting.

* Agreeably to the 7th article of the Constitution of this Church the Laity voted by congregations; and when more than one church or chapel is united under one Vestry, the Delegate or Delegates of such Vestry is entitled to a vote for each church or chapel.

On motion,

Resolved, That copies of the letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, addressed to the Clerical, and to the Lay Members of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and of the above resolutions, be sent to the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, the Diocesan of the Church in this State, and to the Right Rev. the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and also a copy of the resolutions to the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost.

The Convention adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock.

THURSDAY OCT. 8th, HALF-PAST 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, which were presented and read; and, as required by the said canon, inserted on the Journals.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven; Rev. Nathan B. Burgess.—Baptisms, 2; communicants, 7; marriages, 5; funerals, 3.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; Rev. David Butler, Rector.*—*St. Paul's Church, Troy*. Baptisms, adults 7, infants 20—27; communicants, 68; marriages, 7; funerals, 19.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh. Baptisms, adults 2, infants 7—9; communicants 14; marriages, 2; funerals, 4.

Church at Stillwater. Baptisms, 6; communicants, 11.

Church at Sandy Hill. Baptisms, 5; communicants, 12.

Church at Waterford. Baptisms, 3; communicants, 10; marriage, 1; funerals, 2.

The Churches in Otsego county, (for two years past;) Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 14, infants 90—104; communicants, 100; marriages, 11; deaths, 13.

Grace Church, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, Rector.—Baptisms, 19; communicants, about 100; marriages, 9; burials, 4.

* This report was transmitted by Mr. Butler.

The united Parishes of St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, and St. James', Hamilton Square, New York; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis.—*St. Michael's, Bloomingdale.* Baptisms, adult 1, infants 10—11; communicants in the winter, 30, in the summer, 54; marriages, 4; burial, 1.

Since the last report one communicant has died, and three have removed into the parish.

St. James', Hamilton Square. No report is made of this parish, for the reason mentioned in the report of 1811.

Christ Church, Rye; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—The parish of Rye and White Plains is in peace and quietness, and the congregations are in good fellowship with each other.

Baptisms, 17; communicants, 50; marriages, 9; deaths, 7.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 4; infants 7—11; communicants 20 to 30; marriages, 6; funerals, 16.

St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Baptisms, 12; communicants, 48; marriages, 6.

Grace Church, Jamaica; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 9; communicants, 38; marriages, 5; funerals, 12.

St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 14, infants 18—32; communicants, 31; marriages, 5; funerals, 4.

St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James' Church, Milton; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants 51—54; increase of communicants, 5; marriages, 7.

Trinity Church, Utica; *St. Paul's Church, Paris*; *Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county*; and *Christ Church, Madison county*; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector.—*Trinity Church, Utica.* Families, about 30; baptisms, adults 2, infants 17—19; communicants, 26; marriage, 1; funerals, 4.

St. Paul's Church, Paris. Families, 50; baptisms, 7; communicants, 75.

Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county. Families, 25; baptisms, 6.

Christ Church, Madison county. Families, 25; baptisms, 5.

St. James' Church, Goshen; Rev. William Powell, officiating Minister.—Families, 27; baptisms, 14; communicants 6.

St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham. Families, 30; baptisms, 13; communicants, 46; marriage, 1; funerals, 4.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 4, infants 18—22; communicants, about 60; marriages, 5; deaths, 7.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park; Rev. John M'Vickar.—Baptisms, adults 5, infants 18—23; communicants, 15; burials, 6.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; Rev. John Reed Rector.—Families, about 90; baptisms, about 30; communicants, about 90; marriages, 10.

St. George's Church, New York; Rev. John Brady, officiating Minister.—Families, about 185; baptisms, 25; communicants, from 60 to 80; marriages, 9; funerals, 10.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Communicants, removals 6, additions 15,—present number 121; marriages, 7.

Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Hudson; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 8, infants 78—86; communicants in each church, 30—60; marriages, 13; funerals, 14.

Christ Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, —; communicants, about 210; marriages, 49.

Reports from the missionaries, the Rev. Mr. Phelps, the Rev. Mr. Fuller, the Rev. William A. Clark, and the Rev. Orin Clark, addressed to the Bishop, were read.

The following was received from the Rev. Mr. Phelps:

"RIGHT REV. SIR, " GENEVA, Sept. 25th, 1812.

" Since the first Sunday in the last month I have been provisionally disabled from performing the duties of my mission, having been from that time confined with a painful infirmity, from which, it is hardly probable (as you must, I presume, be sensible, from your personal knowledge when you favoured me with an interview in your late visitation) that I shall soon, if ever, be so far recovered as to be again able to undergo the fatigue of attending statedly so many distant churches as are already in this county and its vicinity. Respecting these infant establishments,

I shall not, I believe, differ in opinion with Mr. Clark, who has faithfully and successfully laboured among them for almost a year past, when I say, that they, and other places in the same neighbourhood where other churches might be incorporated, require more attention than one, or even two, able missionaries can possibly pay them. As their welfare is near my heart, I must again take the liberty, and perhaps for the last time, of recommending them to the further fostering care of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel, to whom, under God, they are already so much indebted for their present privileges and prospects. There continues to be a gradual addition to their numbers, and a devout attention to the duties of religion. The books heretofore furnished have been essentially useful; but they have been some time since all appropriated, and more are now greatly wanted—such as Common Prayer Books and small religious tracts. Eight or ten dozen of the former would not, I believe, be too large a supply.

“My health will permit me only to add, that since my return from New York, in November last, I have performed Divine service in Geneva twenty-eight Sundays, exclusive of feast and fast days; and have also visited and administered the Holy Communion at Auburn, Pulteneyville, Bloomfield, Honeyoye, and Catherine; having, through mercy, been absent from the public service only one whole Sunday, and, if I recollect right, only a part of one other, until my late confinement.

“For further particulars respecting the state of the churches here (being too unwell to enlarge) I must refer you to the Rev. Mr. Clark, who I expect will be the bearer of this, and am,

“Right Rev. Sir,

“Your most obedient and faithful servant in CHRIST,
“DAVENPORT PHELPS.

“Baptisms, adults 3, infants 8—11; marriages, 5; burials, 2.

“Right Rev. Dr. Hobart.”

The following report was received from the Rev. Samuel Fuller:

“I performed Divine service in Catskill one Sunday, in Rensselaerville 21 Sundays, in Durham 11 Sundays, in Windham nine Sundays, in Stamford five Sundays. In all these places, except Catskill, I have preached lectures; also preached lectures in Harpersfield and Middleburgh.

“I have officiated as often as my health and other circumstances would permit.

“Two Sundays were taken up in going from and returning to New York; two Sundays I did not perform Divine service on account of sickness; and one Sunday on account of bad weather.

"I baptised, in Rensselaerville, 3 adults and 14 children; Durham, 1 adult and 2 children; Windham, 1 adult and 11 children; Stamford, 3 children; Harpersfield, 1 child; Cattskill, 1 child.

"The whole number of baptisms, 5 adults, and 32 children.

"In Rensselaerville an Episcopal Society was formed in the year 1811. About twenty families commonly attend the worship of the Church. They have a subscription for a house of worship. About 1650 dollars are already subscribed; but the Vestry are not authorized to build until the subscription amounts to at least 2000 dollars. The whole number of subscribers in Rensselaerville is 48; 43 heads of families, and five other persons. There is an increasing apparent seriousness in the worship; and some persons have lately received baptism, and will, with some others, when opportunity shall present, receive the sacrament of the LORD'S Supper.

"In Durham those who are attached to the worship of the Church met June 15, and chose Wardens and Vestrymen, with a view to be incorporated as the law directs. On Sunday, August 9th, the communion of the LORD'S Supper was administered, the first time, to sixteen persons. This Society is small, but appears much attached to the Church; and the worship, the year past, has been attended with propriety, and apparent seriousness.

"In Windham an Episcopal Society has been incorporated twelve or fifteen years; but being destitute of a clergyman the greater part of the time, and owing to some other circumstances, the Society has not increased. They never had the Communion until lately; July 26 it was administered, the first time, to thirteen persons; and September 27 it was again administered to twenty-four persons; and some others will come to the Communion should there be another opportunity. This Society stands in need of patronage. It is of considerable standing; has been disappointed and considerably discouraged, but is now reviving. A great deal of seriousness and animation is apparent in their worship. The number of communicants is increasing. The congregation is the largest except Stamford of any that I have visited; but, in proportion to their number, they are not very able. Some other circumstances of considerable weight render attention to that people at this time of great importance.

"In Stamford I administered the Communion twice, to between twenty and thirty persons. As they have lately received a visit from you, any further remarks are unnecessary.

"I remain, Right Rev. and dear Sir,

"Your servant in CHRIST,

"SAMUEL FULLER.

"NEW YORK, Oct. 6, 1812.

"The Right Rev. J. H. Hobart."

The following is an extract from the report of the Rev. William A. Clark :

Since November last my labours have been divided principally between the church in Auburn, that of Manlius, and Skaneateles. At Auburn I have performed Divine service fifteen Sundays, at Manlius an equal number, and at Skaneateles six. The two former places continue in the same promising situation they were in the preceding year—the number of the Societies has increased, and the exertions of the members are unabated. The number of Episcopal families in Skaneateles has also increased, though their zeal for building a church is not what might be wished. They have yet thought proper to remain, unorganized, a branch of the Church in Auburn. The number of communicants in these places is something upwards of forty—at Manlius there are about twenty. In these churches the number of baptisms have been twenty, marriages three, deaths six.

“Besides the above related services, I have visited, in the course of the year, Geneva, Sulphur Springs, Bloomfield, Honeyoye westward and eastward, Utica, Fairfield, and Johnstown, and performed Divine service on Sunday in each of them. I have also visited and performed Divine service in most of the towns in the counties of Cayuga and Onondaga.”

The following is an extract from the report of the Rev. Orin Clark :

“At Geneva I have spent seven Sundays, at Clifton Springs seven, at Pulteneyville six, at Bloomfield seven, at Honeyoye eight, at Catherine two, at Sheldon one; and, by exchanging with my brother, who officiated for me at Geneva, the Springs, Bloomfield, and Honeyoye, I have spent two Sundays at Skaneateles, one at Auburn, and one at Manlius; besides which, I spent one Sunday at each of the two last mentioned places before my arrival at Geneva.

“Besides preaching on Sundays, and on the fast and feast days, I have given several lectures in the different places where I have officiated. Baptisms, 8 adults, and 26 infants.

“In all the places where I have performed Divine service, the congregations appear to be in a flourishing condition. Considerable accessions have, within a short time, been made to their numbers, particularly of those west of Geneva; and a zeal and love for the Church seem to be increasing among them. Could one or two more missionaries be sent among them, there is every reason to hope that this part of our Zion would soon assume the garments of gladness; but without this, her condition, it is to be feared, cannot long be prosperous; for, to say nothing of the

burden of labour which is imposed on a missionary by his being obliged to divide his services among six or seven societies, at a distance from one another of 30, 40, 50, and 60 miles, experience has demonstrated that by such a division their utility is, in a great measure, destroyed, and that an increase of numbers or piety in a congregation can seldom be expected unless Divine service is regularly performed a considerable portion of the time."

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following address:

"BRETHREN,

the Clerical and Lay Members of the Convention,

"The 45th canon of the General Convention requires, that 'at every annual State or Diocesan Convention the Bishop shall deliver an address, stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention; the names of the churches which he has visited: the number of persons confirmed; the names of those who have been received as candidates for orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended, or degraded; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and, in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese: which address shall be inserted on the Journals.' In conformity to this canon, I lay before you the following statement of the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention.

"The holy rite of Confirmation has been administered at the churches in the following places: Newtown and Flushing, Long Island; Milton, Charlton, and Stillwater, Saratoga county; Albany; Fairfield, Herkimer county; Utica and Paris, Oneida county; Manlius, Onondaga county; Auburn, Cayuga county; Geneva, Clifton Springs, Pulteneyville, Bloomfield, and Honeyoye, Ontario county; Richfield and Unadilla, Otsego county; Stamford, Delaware county; Troy and Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county. At these visitations about 500 persons have been confirmed.

"I have also visited the congregations at Ballstown Springs; Schenectady; Duaneborough; Catherine Town, Tioga county; Butternutts, Otsego county; Waterford; Athens; Hudson; Catskill; Hyde Park; Poughkeepsie; and Fishkill; and performed Divine service also in Canandaigua, Ontario county; in which place there are a few Episcopal families.

"In the course of this visitation, the solicitude discovered by the people, for the enjoyment of the services of our Church, was a source of the highest gratification to me; alloyed however by the painful reflection that, from the scarcity of clergymen, many congregations which, under regular ministrations, would increase and flourish, enjoy only occasional services, at great intervals

of time; and, that of course their progress is much impeded. In many places, from the same cause, opportunities are lost of establishing new congregations. The few clergymen who, as settled ministers or as missionaries, officiate in the extensive western district of the State, undergo labours and fatigue, in the discharge of their duty, of which it would be difficult to form too high an estimate. But their services are necessarily so widely spread, that particular congregations do not derive the full benefit which would result from more confined ministrations. It is most earnestly to be wished that clergymen could be procured to fill the vacant churches, particularly in the western district, and provision made for their support either as settled ministers, or as missionaries.

“St. James’ Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; St. James’ Church, Milton, Saratoga county; St. Peter’s Church, Auburn, Cayuga county; and St. Luke’s Church, Richfield, Otsego county, have been consecrated according to the prescribed form.

“The following persons have been admitted into the holy order of Deacons: John M^r Vickar, David Huntington, Benjamin Tredwell Onderdonk; and Lewis P. Bayard, of New Jersey.

“The following Deacons have been admitted into the holy order of Priests David Moore, Adam Empie, Ralph Williston, William Berrian, Gilbert H. Sayres, William A. Clark, and John M^r Vickar.

“The Rev. William Berrian has been instituted an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York, and the Rev. Joseph Perry Rector of St. Paul’s Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James’ Church, Milton. :

“The Rev. Jonathan Judd, and the Rev. Reuben Hubbard, have removed, with letters dismissory, to the Diocese of Connecticut; and the Rev. Adam Empie to North Carolina.

“Several persons have been admitted candidates for orders.

“Agreeably to the requisitions of the canon, it is also my duty to state, that the Rev. Cave Jones has been duly suspended, under the 32d canon of the General Convention, from the exercise of the ministerial office, until he submits to the terms of the recommendation of the Right Rev. Bishop Moore and his presbyters, to relinquish his title to the office of an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

“At the request of the Standing Committee of New Jersey, I visited St. Matthew’s Church, in the city of Jersey, and St. John’s Church, Elizabethtown, and administered the holy rite of Confirmation. In this latter Church, 73 persons were confirmed.”

The Clergy were called on for an account of the collections made in their respective congregations for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, which account was accordingly rendered.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report to the next annual Convention, whether any, and if any,

what measures ought to be adopted, in order to the employment of a greater number, and a more adequate compensation of the labours of missionaries in this State.

The Rev. Mr. Bowen, the Rev. Dr. How, Robert Troup, and Garret H. Van Wageningen, Esq's, were appointed the Committee, in conjunction with the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart.

A canon was proposed, and adopted, relative to Delegates to the Convention of the Church in this State.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Deputies to the General Convention :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Wilkins, Rev. Dr. How, Rev. Mr. Cooper ; Hon. Rufus King, Hon. P. S. Van Rensselaer, Dr. John Onderdonk, Mr. John Moore.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Bowen, Rev. Dr. Bowden ; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. Clarkson, Dr. John Onderdonk, Mr. William Ogden.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Committee for the Propagation of the Gospel in the State of New York ; the Bishop being a member *ex-officio* :

Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Dr. Bowden, Rev. Mr. Bowen ; Mr. G. H. Van Wageningen, Mr. David M. Clarkson, Dr. John Onderdonk.

Mr. Garrit H. Van Wageningen was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

Agreeably to a canon of the Church, the Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rev. Mr. Clowes, were appointed by the Bishop to officiate occasionally in the vacant congregation at Stillwater ; and the Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rev. Mr. Stebbins, in that at Duanesborough.

The Convention adjourned.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

Attested,

THOMAS LYELL, *Secretary*.

CANON

Relative to Delegates to the Convention of the Church in this State.

ADOPTED AT THIS CONVENTION, 1812.

Agreeably to the intent and meaning of the 3d article of the Constitution of the Church in this State, no Delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, unless he is a member of the congregation, and resides within the parish of the church which he is appointed to represent.

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IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK,

October 5th, and 6th, A. D. 1813.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. John Kewley, Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats in the Convention, were admitted to honorary seats :

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Nathan B. Burgess, of Caroline Church, Brookhaven.

The Rev. N. Felch, North Salem.

The Rev. Reuben Hubbard, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. Mr. Huntingdon, Deacon, officiating at Charlton.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Christ Church, Hampton.

The Rev. Henry Moscrop, New York.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Deacon, New York.

The Rev. William Powell, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, and St. George's Church, Newburgh.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica.

The Rev. Joseph Willard.

The Rev. William E. Wyatt, officiating in St. James' Church, Newtown.

LAY DELEGATES.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Richard Smith.

Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Timothy Nostrand.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, Amaziah Wright, George Boyd, Stephen Hoyt.

Christ Church, Rye, John P. Delancey, David Rogers, Peter J. Munro.

Du St. Esprit, New York, George Anthon, Thomas Hammersly, John G. Tardy.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Rufus King, John Skidmore.

Grace Church, New York, John Slidell.

Grace Church, Waterford, John Vibbard.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Andrew Graham.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Alexander Carnes, Joseph Bedell.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, William Cornwell, John Cornell, James B. Clarke.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Samuel H. Van Wyck.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Abraham W. Vanduson.

St. George's Church, New York, Garrit H. Van Wageningen, Harry Peters, Francis Dominick.

St. James' Church, Goshen, William Thompson.

St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York, Peter Schermerhorn, Martin Hoffman.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Nathaniel Pendleton.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Timothy Roach, John Ebbitts.

St. James' Church, North Salem, Jabud June.

St. John's, Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Isaac Odell.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, William Ogden, Anthony Norroway.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, Moses Jarvis, George Warner, James Smith.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Silvanus Pine.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Samuel Colt.

Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, David M. Clarkson, Thomas L. Ogden.

Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Apollos Moore.

Zion Church, New York, John Graff, Thomas Gibbons, Gilbert Fowler.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 5TH, 1813.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York; and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica; after which the Rev. William E. Wyatt, and the Rev. Stephen Jewett, Deacons, were admitted by the Bishop to the holy order of Priests.

Divine service being ended, the Convention assembled, and the list of the Clergy being called over, agreeably to the second canon of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats :

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica ; Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York ; Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New York ; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing ; Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary ; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers ; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary ; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye ; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead ; Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. John Kewley, Rector of St. George's Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens ; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester ; Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were absent :

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle ; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College ; Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh ; Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York ; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's Church, Otsego, St. Luke's Church, Richfield, and Harmony Church, Butternutts.

The Lay Delegates exhibited the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved ; and the following Delegates took their seats :

From Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Richard Smith ; Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman ; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Timothy Nostrand ; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, John Davis, Amaziah Wright, George Boyd, Stephen Hoyt ; Christ Church, Rye, John P. Delancey, David Rogers,

Peter J. Munro ; Du St. Esprit, New York, George Anthon, Thomas Hammersley, John G. Tardy ; Grace Church, Jamaica, Rufus King, John Skidmore ; Grace Church, New York, John Slidell ; Grace Church, Waterford, John Vibbard ; St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Andrew Graham ; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Alexander Carnes, Joseph Bedell ; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, William Cornwell, John Cornell, J. B. Clarke ; St. George's Church, Flushing, Samuel H. Van Wyck ; St. George's Church, Newburgh, Abraham W. Vanduson ; St. George's Church, New York, Garrit H. Van Wagenen, Harry Peters, Francis Dominick ; St. James' Church, Goshen, William Thompson ; St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, Peter Schermerhorn, Martin Hoffman ; St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Nathaniel Pendleton ; St. James' Church, Newtown, Timothy Roach, John Ebbitts ; St. James' Church, North Salem, Jabud June ; St. John's Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Isaac Odell ; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, William Ogden, Anthony Norrøway ; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter ; St. Stephen's Church, New York, Moses Jarvis, George Warner, James Smith ; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Silvanus Pine ; Trinity Church, Geneva, Samuel Colt ; Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, David M. Clarkson, Thomas L. Ogden ; Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Apollos Moore ; Zion Church, New York, John Graff, Thomas Gibbons, Gilbert Fowler.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell was elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Church not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

The following Clergy took their seats agreeably to the foregoing resolution :

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, of the Diocese of New Jersey ; Rev. Nathan B. Burgess, of Caroline Church, Brookhaven ; Rev. N. Felch, North Salem ; Rev. Reuben Hubbard, of the Diocese of Connecticut ; Rev. Mr. Huntingdon, Deacon, officiating at Charlton ; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, and St. James', Hamilton Square ; Rev. Stephen Jewett, Christ Church, Hampton ; Rev. Henry Moscrop, New York ; Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Deacon, New York ; Rev. William Powell, officiating in St. Andrew's, Church, Orange county, and St. George's Church, Newburgh ; Rev. John C. Rudd, of the Diocese of New Jersey ; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, officiating

in Grace Church, Jamaica; Rev. Joseph Willard; Rev. William E. Wyatt, officiating in St. James' Church, Newtown.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Baldwin for his sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6TH, 1813.

The Convention met, and Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following address:

MY CLERICAL AND LAY BRETHEREN,

According to the organization of our Church, the transaction of her ordinary ecclesiastical business is principally confided to her executive officers, or to the standing committees, appointed from time to time by the Convention in each diocese. The regulation of the worship of the Church, and of its concerns generally, is entrusted to the General Convention. And thus, unless there be attempts at change in our established constitution and canons, or at new plans and experiments, which should not be made but with the utmost caution and deliberation, our ordinary business at the State Convention is confined principally to information concerning the state of the Church. This organization provides for the judicious management of our ecclesiastical concerns, without those protracted discussions, and those unpleasant conflicts of opinion which would take place if all ecclesiastical business were transacted by the Convention.

I have offered these observations with a view to meet a remark which is sometimes made, that in our Conventions there is very little business to be transacted. This circumstance is a happy feature in the organization of our Church. Except when changes may be necessary in our constitution or canons, and these cannot be made with too much caution and deliberation, there can be rarely any occurrence which can lead to differences of opinion, or to an unpleasant and tedious protraction of business. We meet together, and it is of great importance that we should thus meet, to obtain a general view of the state of our Zion; to reciprocate and to cherish the feelings of brotherly affection; to correct, by a frank interchange of opinion and information, any errors in doctrine, or irregularities in the discharge of our ministry

into which we may have inadvertently fallen ; to provoke one another, both Clergy and Laity, unto that zeal in our respective stations in the service of our divine Master, which, agreeably to His injunction, unites the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the dove ; and, as the council of his Church, with united hearts and voices, to supplicate Almighty God to “ direct, sanctify, and govern us, that the comfortable Gospel of CHRIST may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed.” Nor should we doubt but that God will be “ present with us” when we thus meet together, “ by the mighty power of the HOLY GHOST,” and will bless all our counsels and labours to the advancement of the kingdom of His dear Son, and “ to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin, satan, and death ; till at length the whole of His dispersed sheep being gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life.”

It is my intention also, at an early period, God willing, to carry into effect another important purpose of our ecclesiastical meetings, and to deliver those official charges required by the nature of episcopal superintendence, and by the canons of the Church. At present I shall confine myself to the statement enjoined by the canon of the affairs of the diocese.

In the course of the last winter confirmations were held in Trinity Church, St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, Christ Church, St. George's Church, Grace Church, and Zion Church, New York ; and about 780 persons confirmed. It is expected that there will be confirmations in the other churches in the city in the course of the present season.

Confirmations have also been administered, during the last summer, at St. Luke's Church, Catskill ; at Rensselaerville ; at Durham and Windham, Greene county ; at the Ochquaga Hills, Windsor, Broome county ; at Harmony Church, Butternutts, St. John's Church, Exeter, and Christ Church, Coopers-town, Otsego county ; at Sandy Hill, and Christ Church, Hampton, Washington county ; at St. George's Church, Schenectady ; and at Christ Church, Poughkeepsie. At these various confirmations about 320 persons were confirmed, making, in addition to those confirmed in the city, 1100 persons.

At the request of the Standing Committee of New Jersey, the rite of Confirmation was also administered at Trinity Church, Newark.

St. James' Church, Goshen ; Grace Church, Waterford ; and Christ Church, Hampton, have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to the usage of our Church. It gives me pleasure, and I deem it a duty, to bear my testimony to the pious liberality of the individuals at whose expense principally these churches have been erected. The church at Hampton, in particular, has been built, in a great measure, by the liberal contributions of three or four individuals. The congregation at Rensselaerville, which has been raised within a few years by the prudent and assiduous ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Fuller, are making preparations for erecting a church. Buildings for worship are also erecting by the congregations at Athens, at Unadilla, and at Manlius Square, Onondaga county. In many other places, congregations, who regularly assemble for worship, are prevented from erecting churches by the slenderness of their means. I have sometimes, however, witnessed, in the

humble dwelling, or in the log school-house, the service of our Church celebrated by the people, with a fervour and propriety not always apparent in the splendid edifice. We cannot doubt that this service was acceptable to that gracious Being who requires to be worshipped in spirit and in truth, with an humble and a contrite heart. But still it is due to His honour and majesty, that He should be worshipped in buildings at least decent and commodious, and solemnly set apart to the adoration of His great name.

As an example of the pious fervour which prevails in many congregations, too poor and humble either to erect a building for worship, or to obtain the stated services of a minister, I cannot refrain from mentioning the congregation at the Ochquaga Hills, Broome county. In this retired district a congregation was organized, about seventeen years since, by the Rev. Mr. Chase, then a missionary. From that time until I visited them, with the exception of the services of the Rev. Jonathan Judd, who, when a missionary, spent a few weeks with them, they have only enjoyed three or four times the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Nash, who, amidst the multiplicity of his labours, sought and cherished this destitute congregation. And yet, notwithstanding these disadvantages, they have kept themselves together; they have regularly met for reading the service and sermons; and I found among them a knowledge of the principles of our Church, and a fervent attachment to its doctrines and worship, which astonished and gratified me. Confirmation was administered to about thirty persons, and the Holy Communion to as many. Could you have witnessed, brethren, the expressions of their gratitude, and their earnest solicitations, accompanied even with tears, for only the occasional services of a minister, your treasure and your prayers would have been poured forth to gratify them. I had not the treasure, but most assuredly I gave them my prayers, and I promised them my best exertions. I cannot leave their case, without applying it to establish the importance and inestimable value of our Liturgy. But for that Liturgy, and the constant and faithful use of it, the Episcopal congregation at the Ochquaga Hills, and doubtless in many other places almost equally destitute, would long since have become extinct.

I have also visited the congregations at Fishkill; Stamford, Delaware county; Unadilla and Fly Creek, Otsego county; Binghamtown, Chenango Point, Broome county; Albany, Troy, Lansingburgh, and Stillwater; in which places I performed Divine service, and at Burlington, Otsego county.

Since the last Convention several persons have been received as candidates for orders; James Thompson, admitted to the holy order of Deacons; and the following Deacons, Orin Clark, John Brady, and William Powell, of this diocese, and Isaac Jones, of Connecticut, admitted to the holy order of Priests; and William E. Wyatt, and Stephen Jewett, were yesterday admitted to the same order.

The Rev. John Kewley, from the diocese of Connecticut, has been instituted Rector of St. George's Church, New York; and the Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of the same church. The Rev. Ralph Williston has been instituted Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The Rev. Bethel Judd, from the diocese of Connecticut, has been chosen Principal of the Academy, and Rector of the Church, at Fairfield, Herkimer county; and the Rev. Dr. Abraham Beach, lately Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York, has removed into the State of New Jersey.

But in noticing the changes in the diocese, you have doubtless already anticipated me in the painful remark, that we no longer perceive in his place in this Convention, our venerable brother the Rev. Davenport Phelps. He has gone to his rest. For many years he has been employed as a missionary in the western parts of the State. Having visited the extensive district in which he officiated, I am able to bear testimony to the high estimation in which he was held for his pious and exemplary character, and for the fidelity and prudent zeal with which he discharged his arduous and laborious duties. He is justly revered as the founder of the congregations in the most western counties of the State; whom he attached, not merely to his personal ministrations, but to the doctrines, the ministry, and the Liturgy of our Church. Indeed, it was highly gratifying to me to observe, in the congregations where he officiated, and in others, in the infant settlements of the State, which are still cherished by ministers equally faithful, the devotion and the decency with which the people performed their parts of the public service. It is an evidence that whatever prejudices our Liturgy may have at first to encounter among those who are unacquainted with it, a minister who will be diligent in explaining it, and enforcing its excellencies, and who, in obedience to his ordination vows, will be faithful and devout in the use of it, will finally succeed, by the Divine blessing, in leading many to value it as their best help in the exercises of devotion, and, next to the Bible, their best guide to heaven.

As the support of missionaries is derived principally from the annual collections prescribed by the canon, it is of the utmost importance that the Clergy should attend to these collections, and urge their congregations to liberal contributions. No duty is more strongly demanded from the members of our Church, who enjoy the word and ordinances of the Gospel, than that of supplying their destitute brethren with the same means of salvation.

The importance of an establishment for the instruction, for the religious and moral discipline, and, in some cases, for the support of young men designed for Holy Orders, has always appeared to me essential to the prosperity of our Church; nor were exertions and arrangements wanting on my part, when in a private station, to carry this object in some degree into effect. As the responsibility of the admission of persons to Holy Orders ultimately rests on the Bishop; and as from the nature of his office, and the provisions of the canons, it is his duty to exercise a general direction and superintendence of their previous studies, the necessity of a *theological school* presses with greater force upon my mind in the station which I now occupy. It is an auspicious circumstance, that the attention of the Clergy, and of Episcopalians generally, appears to be awakened to the importance of this object. And I trust it will not be long before a theological school is established; the object of which shall be to train up young men for the ministry, not only in literary

and theological knowledge, but in evangelical piety, and prudent but fervent zeal for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. It is of the utmost importance that the plan and situation of this institution should meet the wants and the wishes not merely of the Church in this diocese, but of our Church at large, and thus contribute to advance and preserve those invaluable objects, the purity and the unity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these States.

My Clerical and Lay Brethren, our Church is organized on a principle which is the characteristic of the Church from which we are descended, and which the judicious Hooker defends in his *Ecclesiastical Polity*, that in order to give to any act of the Church the force of law, it must have the consent of all orders of her members, Bishops, Clergy, and Laity. This arrangement prevents the evils of precipitancy; secures the important benefits of wisdom, experience, and union in her councils; and preserves to all orders of her members their respective rights.

Let it then be the object of all who wish good to our Zion, to preserve her, as she is now happily organized, in her government, her doctrine, and worship. If changes in that organization at any time appear necessary, let them be the result of much reflection, of much previous consultation, and in some degree at least of general concert; and not the hasty and unadvised ebullition of individual zeal. This zeal, however commendable, is then only safe, when, with true Christian humility, it submits to the guidance and control of wisdom and experience; and aims rather to infuse new life and spirit into institutions long established, than to enter on doubtful because untried measures. In the sev-

al stations in which it has pleased the Divine Head of the Church to place, let it be our endeavour, in dependence on His grace and blessing, "truly and faithfully to serve Him," and to exhibit our Church in the purity of her doctrines, the primitive sanctity of her ministry, and the evangelical spirit of that Liturgy which has been established by the wisdom and piety of the ages before us. Thus, while we secure our own salvation, we shall advance the permanent prosperity of our Church, and, by the blessing of God, be instrumental in diffusing the Gospel of His Son, our Lord and Redeemer, in its original simplicity, purity, and power.

JOHN HENRY HOBART.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6, 1813.

Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Fishkill, and St. James' Church, Hyde Park, were read, and approved; and the following gentlemen took their seats:

From Trinity Church, Fishkill, Silvanus Pine; from St. James' Church, Hyde Park, N. Pendleton.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance; which reasons were accepted.

Reports from the missionaries, the Rev. William A. Clark, the Rev. Samuel Fuller, and the Rev. Orin Clark, addressed to the Bishop, were severally read.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Fuller.

“Owing to the sickness and mortality in Rensselaerville the last winter, and particularly to the affliction in my family, I have devoted a greater proportion of my labours to that place, than, under other circumstances, I should have done; but, perhaps, in no period has the worship of the Church been more useful there. The congregation is increasing in numbers, and in attachment to the Church. The worship has been conducted with much apparent seriousness and solemnity.

“The communion of the Lord’s Supper was administered, the first time, November 15th, 1812, to only nine persons, four men and five women. The number of communicants has since increased to thirteen. These are small beginnings; but, it is to be remembered, that three years ago the worship of the Church was wholly unknown in that place.

“The subscriptions for the house of worship have been very liberal; and it is calculated to put up the building next summer, if a sufficient amount can be obtained to complete it. The people ‘have a mind to work;’ and, if they fail in building, it will be owing wholly to the want of that pecuniary ability which is necessary in such an undertaking.

“I have preached in Rensselaer 34 Sundays, and in Durham 8 Sundays; besides other days, occasionally, in both places. I have preached, also, once in Cattskill; one Sunday in Athens, Hudson, and Cattskill, by exchange with the Rev. Mr. Prentiss, who officiated for me at Rensselaerville; once at Greenville, and once at Coxsackie; one Sunday and one other day at Windham; one Sunday at Lexington; one Sunday at Stamford, by exchange with the Rev. Mr. Thompson, who officiated for me at Rensselaerville; one Sunday at Unadilla; once at Franklin; and once at Harpersfield. Some Sundays I did not officiate on account of sickness and death in my family.

“I have baptised, at Rensselaerville, three adults and six children; at Greenville, one child; at Durham, one adult and twelve children; at Windham, one child; at Stamford, eight children; at Harpersfield, four children; and, in Cattskill, one child. The whole number of baptisms is four adults and thirty-three children.

“I have administered the Lord’s Supper at Rensselaerville four times, at Durham twice, at Greenville once, at Lexington once, at Coxsackie once, and at Stamford once.

"I have catechised the children at Rensselaerville and at Durham. In all the places which I have visited there is a deficiency of Prayer Books.

"On the whole, the interest of the Church is evidently increasing in that part of the Diocese; and there is a reasonable prospect that a number of respectable congregations may be raised up; and some of them in places where, but a short time since, the worship of the Church was unknown.

"I remain, Right Rev. and dear Sir,

"Your servant in CHRIST,

"SAMUEL FULLER.

"NEW YORK, 4th October, 1813.

"The Right Rev. Bishop HOBART."

Extract from the Report of the Rev. William A. Clark.

"Since my last report I have directed my attention principally to the promotion of the Church in the villages of Manlius, Auburn, Skaneateles, and Montezuma.

"The number of communicants in Manlius has increased one-third during the present year, and a church is now erected, and will be completed by the twentieth of December, as large and elegant as any in this part of the country, and which will have cost the Vestry not less than five thousand dollars. Of the unanimity, the liberality, and the attention of the whole village to public worship, I cannot speak too highly.

"Besides the places related above, I have performed Divine service in Marcellus, Brutus, Mentz, Cayuga, and Genoa; and, in addition to the usual performances on the fast and festival days of our Church and country, have been called by the different denominations of Christians in the places where I have officiated, to preach on about thirty funeral occasions. But notwithstanding this fatigue, and that of travelling a great deal in bad weather, over bad roads, in health more critical than usual, have been prevented by sickness one Sunday only from holding church somewhere. The whole number I have baptised is twenty-seven; number of marriages three. The several places stand thus:

"*Auburn, Skaneateles, and their vicinity.* Baptisms, 14; marriages, 3; deaths of communicants, 4;—present number of communicants, 30.

"*Montezuma*—Baptisms, 3; *Genoa*—baptism, 1; *Manlius*—baptisms, 9; communicants, 30."

Report of the Rev. Orin Clark.

"RIGHT REV. SIR,

"GENEVA, Sept. 20, 1813.

"Since the 18th of June last (at which time you were so good as to give me leave to relinquish my missionary charge, my health

not permitting me any longer to perform its duties) my services have been entirely devoted to the congregations in this place. Previous to that time they were devoted, during the past year, among all the vacant congregations in this quarter, nearly in the same proportion as in the year preceding.

"Baptisms, adults 9, children 17—26; marriages, 1; funerals, 7.

"I cannot close this report without taking the liberty again to solicit the attention of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel, to the situation of the Church in this part of the Diocese, and earnestly praying them to continue to it their fostering care. Upon this, its prosperity, if not its existence, under God, most certainly depends.

"There are now to the west of this place six Episcopal congregations, all of which are entirely deprived of the services of our Church, to whose worship and doctrines they are most sincerely attached. All in their power to promote her interests among them they will do, but they are not able, without aid from some quarter, to obtain or support clergymen; and without some clerical service, it need not be added, they cannot long continue prosperous. As a proof of their zeal and attachment to our Church, they have the most of them built, or are now building, houses of worship, with the hope that this testimony of their regard to her interests will insure them the continuance of that benevolent aid to which, through the Divine blessing, they owe their present privileges. And that they may not be herein disappointed, but that provision be speedily made that they may enjoy the regular services of the Church, is the earnest prayer of,

"Right Rev. Sir,

"Your faithful and obedient servant in CHRIST,

"ORIN CLARK.

"Right Rev. Bishop Hobart."

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, which were presented and read; and, as required by the said canon, inserted on the Journal.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven; Rev. Nathan B. Burgess.—Baptisms, 2; marriages, 2; funerals, 3.

Since the last report one communicant has died, and none been added.

Bedford and Northcastle; Rev. N. Felch.—Baptisms, 8; communicants, 15; marriages, 10; funerals, 9.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh; Rev. David Butler, Rector.*—*St. Paul's Church, Troy.* Baptisms, infants 41, adult 1—42; marriages, 9; communicants, 84; funerals, 31.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh. Baptisms, 9; communicants, 21; funerals, 5.

Church at Sandy Hill. Baptisms, infants 10, adults 2—12.]

Brunswick. Baptisms, 12; funerals, 10.

Church at Stillwater and Waterford. Baptisms, 3.]

Christ Church, Rye and White Plains; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Communicants, about 50; baptisms, 5; marriages, 14; deaths, 18.

Grace Church, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 30; marriages, 5; communicants, 140.

Burials—There being no burial-ground attached to this church, these are registered in other churches, in the cemeteries of which the interments are made.

St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 14—16; communicants, 50; marriages, 8.

Nothing material has occurred since the last report.

St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 4; marriages, 7; funerals, 3; communicants, 38.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, containing St. George's Church, South Hempstead, and Christ Church, North Hempstead; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, 21; marriages, 34; communicants, about 120; burials, 20.

Parish of Trinity Church, containing Trinity Church, and St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapels, New York; Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, Assistant Rector.—Baptisms, 250; marriages, 48; funerals, 495.

The present Assistant Rector, since his entrance on office, has not been able to ascertain the precise number of communicants, which he intends to do before the next Convention.

Christ Church, New York; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 48; marriages, 16; communicants, about 230.

* This report was transmitted, Mr. Butler being absent.

Christ Church, Hampton ; Rev. Stephen Jewett.—I have officiated in this parish one-half of my time for nearly two years ; during which time I have baptised, adults 7, children 37—44 ; funerals, in Hampton 12, in the adjoining towns 4—16 ; marriages, 3 ; present number of communicants, 35.

“When I came into the town there were only eight communicants ; since which time three have died ; the whole gain in two years is thirty. Besides this number, who reside in this town, about as many more from the adjacent towns, principally in Vermont, are in the habit of regularly communing with us ; so that our whole number of communicants may be stated at sixty or sixty-five.

“I found the parish very much in want of Prayer Books. They are still in want, though I have disposed of more than forty since I have been here. I found when I came to this place not any of the youth provided with Prayer Books. Many of them are now furnished, and with much pleasure I perceive not only in the aged, but in the youth, a growing attachment to our excellent Liturgy.

“Prayer Books and religious tracts might be distributed here to great advantage.”

St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—In this church there have been, since October, 1812, baptisms, adults 2, infants 53—55 ; marriages, 27 ; communicants, at present, 51 ; funerals, 15.

I have performed Divine service one Sunday at Duanesburgh, and one at Waterford, the year past. The Holy Communion was administered at Waterford.‡

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county ; Rev. William Powell, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 22 ; marriages, 4 ; communicants, 50 ; number of families, 30.

St. James' Church, Goshen ; Rev. William Powell, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 8 ; communicants 6 ; number of families, about 26.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 23—25 ; marriages, 10 ; communicants, 120 ; burials, including strangers, 26.¶

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 24—26 ; marriages, 5 ; communicants, about 60 ; deaths, 10.

St. James' Church, Newtown ; Rev. William E. Wyatt, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 9 ; marriages, 7 ; communicants, 34 ; funerals, 2.

St. Paul's Church, Charlton ; Rev. D. Huntington, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 32 ; marriages, 11 ; communicants, since Easter, 1812, 50 ; deaths, 17 ; families, 50.

Zion Church, New York ; Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, children 62—65 ; marriages, 69 ; communicants, 105 ; burials, adults 11, children 20—31.

Trinity Church, Utica ; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, children 25—28 ; marriages, 5 ; communicants, 34 ; funerals, 12.

St. Paul's Church, Paris ; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 9, children 20—29 ; communicants, 83.

The church in Fairfield, Herkimer county, I relinquished in May last, in consequence of an arrangement having been made for the settlement of a clergyman in that place, who should be the principal of the Academy established there. A church in Madison county I relinquished soon after our last annual meeting. I have the last year preached several Sundays in Trenton, about ten miles north of Utica ; and in the evening of those Sundays when I have preached in the last mentioned place (which since Easter has been two-thirds of the time) I have preached at a glass-works, five miles from Utica. AMOS G. BALDWIN.

St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James' Church, Milton ; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector.—Baptisms, 40 ; marriages, 8 ; increase of communicants, 2 ; funerals, including those of last year, 34.

Grace Church, Jamaica ; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 7 ; marriages, 5 ; communicants, about 34 ; funerals, 5.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. David Moore, officiating Minister.—Families, 312 ; marriages, 32 ; baptisms, 112 ; communicants, 251 ; funerals, 66.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie ; Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Baptisms, 30 ; marriages, 11 ; communicants, 80 ; families, about 90.

St. George's Church, New York ; Rev. John Kewley, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 13, children 57—70 ; marriages, 20 ; communicants, 165 ; funerals uncertain, not more than 10.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale ; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 4—5 ; marriages, 2 ; communicants in winter, 36, in summer, 57 ; burials, 3.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park ; Rev. John M'Vickar, officiating Minister.*—Baptisms, 7 ; communicants, 25 ; burials, 2.

The Clergy were called on for an account of the collections made in their respective congregations for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, which account was accordingly rendered.

The Bishop and the Committee appointed at the last annual Convention, on the subject of the increase of the Missionary Fund, made a report, recommending to the Convention the adoption of a canon. The canon was read, and adopted.

A memorial was presented by Peter Williams (a coloured man), respecting the necessity of the coloured people of the Episcopal Church in this city having the privilege of separating themselves into a distinct congregation, and of having one of their own colour, to officiate among them, in Holy Orders, which was read.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That he have leave to withdraw his memorial, and that it be recommended to him to submit his application to the Right Rev. the Bishop, and the Standing Committee of the Church, agreeably to the course prescribed by the Canons.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Deputies to the General Convention :

Rev. Dr. Wilkins, Rev. Dr. How, Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rev. Mr. Kewley ; Hon. Rufus King, Hon. P. S. Van Rensselaer, Dr. John Onderdonk, Mr. William Ogden.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

Rev. Dr. Bowden, Rev. Dr. Harris, Rev. Dr. Bowen, Rev. Mr. Lyell ; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. M. Clarkson, Dr. John Onderdonk, Mr. William Ogden.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating

* This report was transmitted, Mr. M'Vickar being absent.

the Gospel in the State of New York, the Bishop being a member *ex-officio* :

Rev. Dr. Bowden, Rev. Dr. Bowen, Rev. Dr. Moore ; Mr. G. H. Van Wagenen, Mr. David M. Clarkson, Dr. John Onderdonk.

The following report of the Treasurer of the Convention, stating the amount of the Episcopal Fund,* was read :

“The Treasurer reports to this Convention, that he has at present out at interest, belonging to the Episcopal Fund, the sum of nine thousand nine hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents ; and has now in his hands, ready to put out, five hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventeen cents ; making together ten thousand four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-five cents.

“GERRIT H. VAN WAGENEN,

“*Treasurer to the Convention.*”

The thanks of the Convention were returned to the Treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen was re-elected, by ballot, the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Assistant Bishop of the Prot. Episc. Church, in the State of New York.

THOMAS LYELL, *Secretary of the Convention.*

CANON

For the Increase of the Missionary Fund :

ADOPTED IN THIS CONVENTION, 1813.

In order to increase the fund to be appropriated by the “Committee for Propagating the Gospel” for the support of Missionaries, a sermon shall be preached, and a collection made, on the evening of the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention : the preacher and the place of Divine service to be appointed by the Bishop ; who shall adopt such previous measures as he may judge expedient for exciting the attention of the Episcopal congregations to the importance of liberally contributing to the support of Missionaries. It is also hereby ordered, that the usual missionary sermon and collection, required by the canon, shall take place in the congregations in the city of New York, on the first Sunday after the Epiphany ; and the sermon and collections in the congregations without the city of New York, in the month of September, as prescribed by the canon.

* The Episcopal Fund, which is formed of the annual collections for the purpose in the congregations, is to be permitted to accumulate, without diminution, until the annual profits of the Fund become adequate to the support of a Bishop.

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List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

The Rev. Virgil H. Barber, Principal of the Academy, and Minister of Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Brown, Deacon, Trinity Church, Fishkill.

The Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.

The Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, Albany and Greene counties.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Deacon, St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. David Huntington, Deacon, St. Paul's Church, Charlton.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, and St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale.

The Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Deacon, St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island.

The Rev. John Kewley, Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of the churches in Otsego county.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Deacon, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Cattskill.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary, Green and Delaware counties.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The Right Rev. Bishop Moore, of the Diocese of Virginia, was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Rev. David Moore, officiating at St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. William Smith, D. D., of the Church in Connecticut.

The Rev. John Croes, of the Church in New Jersey.

The Rev. William Creighton, of New York.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, officiating in Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island.

The Rev. Henry Moscrop, New York.

The Rev. George Boyd, Deacon.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Long Island.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, North Hempstead, Long Island.

LAY DELEGATES.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Richard Smith.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Edward Hitchcock, T. S. Townsend, Israel Horsefield.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Henry Davis.

Christ Church, Rye and White Plains, John P. Delancey.

Du St. Esprit, New York, John Pintard.

Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore.

Grace Church, New York, Archibald Bruce, John Slidell.

Grace Church, Waterford, John Vibbard, Henry Fanning.

Harmony Church, Butternutts, John C. Morris.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, George Barnes, James Guion, Joseph Bedell.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Thomas Colden.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, William Grigg, John Cornell, James B. Clarke.

St. George's Church, Flushing, James Bloodgood.

St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen Harry Peters, Isaac Carow.

St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York, Peter Schermerhorn.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Samuel Bard, John Johnston.

St. James' Church, Newtown, John Ebbitts, John Alsop.

St. James' Church, North Salem, — Jarvis.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, Benjamin Fowler.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, William Ogden, Edward Lyde.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, Valentine Nutter, Isaac Jones.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, Stephen Warren.

St. Peter's Church, Albany, James Daniel.

St. Stephen's Church, New York, John Drake.

Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew Bartow.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Greenleaf Street, Sylvanus Pine, James Wood.

Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, David M. Clarkson, Robert Troup, Thomas L. Ogden.

Zion Church, New York, Lazarus Beach.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 4TH, 1814.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Nash, Rector of the churches in Otsego county; and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Cattskill; after which George Boyd was admitted by the Bishop to the order of Deacons.

Divine service being ended, the Convention assembled, and a list of the clergy being called over, agreeably to the second canon of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names:

The Rev. Virgil H. Barber, Principal of the Academy, and Minister of Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county; Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. John Brown, Deacon, Trinity Church, Fishkill; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New York; Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Deacon, St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an

Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. David Huntington, Deacon, St. Paul's Church, Charlton ; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, and St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale ; Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Deacon, St. James' Church, Newtown ; Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of the churches in Otsego county ; Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Deacon, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill ; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. James Thompson, Missionary, Green and Delaware counties ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester ; Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were absent :

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica ; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of St. James' Church, Milton ; Rev. William B. Lacey, Missionary ; Rev. Adam Empie, West Point ; Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary ; Rev. Mr. Welton, Missionary, Ontario county ; Rev. Dr. Bowden, Professor of Moral Philosophy, &c., in Columbia College.

The Lay Delegates exhibited certificates of their appointment, and the following Delegates took their seats :

From St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, George Barnes, James Guion, Joseph Bedell ; St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, Thomas Colden ; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, William Grigg, John Cornell, J. B. Clarke ; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Henry Davis ; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Edward Hitchcock, T. S. Townsend, Israel Horsefield ; Du St. Esprit, New York, John Pintard ; St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, Peter Schermerhorn ; St. James' Church, North Salem, — Jarvis ; Grace Church, New York, Archibald Bruce, John Slidell ; Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore ; Grace Church, Waterford, John Vibbard, Henry Fanning ; St. John's Church, Yonkers, Benjamin Fowler ; St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Harry Peters, Isaac Carow ; St. James' Church, Newtown, John Ebbitts, John Alsop ; St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Samuel Bard, John Johnston ; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, William Ogden, Edward Lyde ; St. Stephen's Church, New York, John Drake ; Harmony Church, Butternutts, John C. Morris ; St. Peter's Church, Albany, James Daniel ;

Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, David M. Clarkson, Robert Troup, Thomas L. Ogden; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Greenleaf Street, Sylvanus Pine, James Wood; Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Richard Smith; Zion Church, New York, Lazarus Beach.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell was elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, of the Diocese of Virginia, be invited to a seat in this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Church, not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Joseph Prentiss for his sermon preached before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Rev. Mr. Henshaw obtained leave of absence.

The Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5TH, 1814.

The Convention met, and Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy.

Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates from St. Paul's Church, Troy; Parish of Rye and White Plains; St. George's, Flushing; Trinity Church, Fairfield; and St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, were read and approved, and the following gentlemen took their seats:

From St. Paul's Church, Troy, Stephen Warren; from the Parish of Rye and White Plains, John P. Delancey; from St. George's, Flushing, James Bloodgood; from Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew Bartow; and from St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, Valentine Nutter, and Isaac Jones.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, appeared, and took his seat.

The Rev. John Kewley, M. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York, appeared, and took his seat.

Agreeably to the resolution passed yesterday, in relation to ministers not regularly entitled to seats, the Rev. David Moore, officiating at St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; the Rev. John Croes, of the Church in New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. William Smith, of the Church in Connecticut; and the Rev. Mr. Creighton, of New York, took their seats.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following address:

MY CLERICAL AND LAY BRETHREN,

In calling your attention to the affairs of this Diocese, since the last meeting of the Convention, it is proper that I should notice, as having an important relation to them, the late meeting of the General Convention of our Church. It is not my design to present to you a detail of their proceedings; which will be found in their printed journals. The view of the state of the Church presented to the House of Bishops by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, affords cause of regret, that our Church, from peculiar circumstances, is greatly depressed in many places where, in former days, she flourished; while many facts are stated highly flattering and encouraging, as it respects her increasing prosperity in many parts of the Union, and her revival in others.

On this view of the state of the Church was founded a pastoral letter of the House of Bishops; for which, as well as the letters issued at preceding meetings of the Convention, that House is indebted to its venerable presiding Bishop. This pastoral letter contains such spiritual counsel as the situation of the Church seemed to require; and will, I trust, evidence the solicitude of the Bishops, in their capacity as the spiritual guardians of the Church, to promote the diffusion of evangelical piety, as professed in her Articles and Liturgy; and, at the same time, to guard against all methods of effecting this desirable end, which are not agreeable to the spirit of her apostolic and primitive institutions, and which uniform experience proves is ultimately injurious to those sacred interests which it is the professed aim of those who may be inclined to these irregularities to advance.

While a review of this instrument, and of the proceedings of the late Convention generally, will indicate the solicitude of that body for the revival and preservation of evangelical doctrine in our Church, there are some acts which more particularly respect the correctness of her discipline, and the decency of her worship. On this subject there has long appeared in many congregations an inconsistency in the ministers and people sitting during the acts of praise and adoration in the *Psalms in metre*, while in the *Psalms usually styled the reading Psalms*, the appropriate and comely posture of standing has been

always practised. It is certainly desirable to introduce this posture in both cases, particularly as some ministers and congregations having already adopted it, a diversity of custom prevails destructive of that uniformity in worship which is one of the beautiful characteristics of our Church. On this subject there is a recommendation of the General Convention, in regard to which I have delayed taking any measures until I had this opportunity of calling the attention of my brethren of the Clergy generally to it.

It is proper also that on the subject of the proceedings of the General Convention I should remark, that the opposition from the deputation of the Church in New York to the establishment of a general Theological Seminary, by an *act of that body*, did not arise from disaffection to a measure of vital importance to the Church, but from an opinion that the same object could be accomplished on the most correct and enlarged principles and views, by private concert and co-operation among the influential friends of the Church in various parts of the Union, without encountering many difficulties to which the measure would be liable if taken up under present circumstances by the General Convention. At the next meeting of that body they will doubtless be in possession of such facts as will enable them to come to a decision on this important subject.

Another event which took place at the last General Convention it is proper I should notice, the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Richard C. Moore, late Rector of St. Stephen's Church in this city, to the office of Bishop, having been elected thereto by the Convention of the Church in Virginia; in consequence of which he removes from this Diocese. And I received great pleasure in being recently associated with him and the venerable Bishop of the Church in Pennsylvania, in consecrating to the office of Bishop the Rev. Dr. Kemp, of Maryland, to act as Suffragan Bishop of the Church in that State, to which he had been elected by the Convention thereof.

The Rev. Bethel Judd, who had been elected Principal of the Academy at Fairfield, Herkimer county, has returned to the Diocese of Connecticut; and the Rev. William E. Wyatt has removed from St. James' Church, Newtown, to St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Since the last Convention the Rev. Virgil H. Barber has removed from the Diocese of Connecticut to the charge of the Academy and the Church in Fairfield, Herkimer county; the Rev. Daniel M'Donald, from the same Diocese, to St. Peter's Church, Auburn; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, from the same Diocese, to Unadilla, Otsego county, where, and in the neighbouring country, he acts as a Missionary; the Rev. Charles Seabury, from the same Diocese, to Caroline Church, Brookhaven; the Rev. Parker Adams, from Vermont, to Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, and Grace Church, Waterford; the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Deacon, from Massachusetts, to St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; the Rev. Adam Empie, from North Carolina, to West Point; and the Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Deacon, from the Diocese of Connecticut, who officiated for some time in Grace Church, New York, has lately removed to St. James' Church, Newtown. The Rev. John M'Vickar has been instituted to the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Hyde Park; the Rev. Henry J. Feltus,

to the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, New York; and the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, to the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square; the Rev Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Deacon, has been elected an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York. During the same period, William B. Lacey, Harry Crosswell, John Brown, William Creighton, George Boyd, of this Diocese; and Alpheus Geer, Eli Wheeler, Alanson W. Welton, of the Diocese of Connecticut, have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons. The two last named gentlemen immediately removed into this Diocese; the former to North Hempstead, and the latter to the Western District, where he acts as a Missionary; and William Creighton officiates as an Assistant in Grace Church.

Timothy Clowes and James Thompson, Deacons, have been admitted to the holy order of Priests; and the former clergyman has been instituted to the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

At the request of the Standing Committee of New Jersey, I visited the church at Perth Amboy, and admitted George Morehouse to the order of Deacons.

There are at present fourteen candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese.

My attendance at the General Convention, and at the subsequent consecration of Bishop Kemp, has prevented me from extending my visits through the Diocese during the last season, as far as I had proposed.

The holy rite of Confirmation was administered, however, during the last winter, in St. Stephen's Church, New York; Caroline Church, Setauket; St. John's Church, Islip; St. George's Church, Hempstead; and Christ Church, North Hempstead; and, in the course of the spring and summer, at St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery; Grace Church, Jamaica; St. Peter's Church, West Chester; St. John's Church, Yonkers; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; St. James' Church, Hyde Park; St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla; Trinity Church, Athens; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale; St. James' Church, Hamilton Square. At these administrations above 800 persons received Confirmation.

I derived high gratification, particularly on some of these occasions, from perceiving the great advantages of this apostolic rite, considered even in the more subordinate view of affording the minister of every congregation a most favourable opportunity, which fidelity to his charge calls on him to embrace, of impressing upon his people generally, and especially upon the young, the concerns of their salvation, and the obligations and privileges of that holy covenant into which they were admitted by Baptism. In St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, 140 persons received Confirmation. In St. John's Church, Yonkers, I beheld the interesting spectacle of near 80 young people, apparently between the ages of 14 and 20, coming forward to renew their baptismal vows, and to devote themselves to their God and Saviour; and I perceived in their attendance, and in the devotion and seriousness which they manifested, the blessing which had followed the labours of their respectable Rector, who, for several weeks previous to the administration of this rite, had been occupied in visiting every family of an extensive parish, with the view of addressing

them on the nature and obligation of this sacred ordinance, and of preparing them for it. The congregation of St. James', Hyde Park, which originally consisted of a few select families, has been greatly increased in number, by the assiduous labours of its rector, who has been particularly attentive to catechetical instruction, not merely in the Church, but in his parochial visits to the families and the schools in his parish. The same methods I am confident have been pursued in other instances, which could be enumerated; and they are an evidence of the blessing which will attend the regular and faithful labours of a minister.

I have consecrated St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, and Trinity Church, Athens. The former place, pleasantly situated on the banks of the Susquehanna, but little more than 20 years since was a wilderness. The building erected for worship is neat and commodious; and there is now every appearance of a flourishing congregation. Under God, this flattering prospect is owing to a few individuals, who, though from the scarcity of clergymen of our Church, they but rarely enjoyed her ministrations, persevered in their attachment to her, and in their exertions, finally successful, for her establishment among them.

The church at Athens, particularly in its interior, is finished in a style of great neatness, convenience, and elegance; and is exceedingly well adapted for the impressive performance of the various offices appropriate to the reading-desk, the pulpit, and the chancel. A new church at Manlius Square, Onondaga county, is in readiness for consecration; one at Rensselaerville in a considerable state of forwardness; and one is erecting principally, I am informed, at the expense of a very few individuals, in a recently organized congregation, at New Berlin, Chenango county. A congregation has been lately incorporated at Oxford, in the same county; and in other places there is a prospect of our Church being established.

In the discharge of their arduous duties, the missionaries, I have every reason to believe, from their official communications to me, and from my own observation, are exceedingly zealous and faithful; and they enjoy the gratification of witnessing the success of their labours in the increasing attachment to the Church, of the people among whom they minister, and in the revival of the spirit of piety. Too much value cannot be placed on missionary services; and there is no object of more importance to the general interests of religion, and to the prosperity of our Church, and no duty more strongly demanded by the spirit and the precepts of the Gospel, than the encouragement of missionary labours. We have still to lament that the Missionary Fund is not adequate to the employment of a sufficient number of missionaries, or to the adequate remuneration of those whose services are exerted with so much zeal and so many sacrifices. I must, therefore, continue to impress upon the Clergy, the duty of attending to the annual collections for missionary purposes, prescribed by the canon, and of endeavouring to call forth, on these occasions, the liberality of their congregations. Several clergymen, settled in stated parishes, have, as opportunity offered, performed the duties of missionaries, by organiz-

ing and visiting new congregations; and among them none have been more successful than the Rev. Daniel Nash, of Otsego county.

But, my Clerical and Lay Brethren, I should enjoy little satisfaction in congratulating you on the increasing attachment to the distinctive principles of our Church, and veneration for her institutions, if I could not also congratulate you on the increase of that evangelical piety which these principles and institutions, when faithfully observed and practised, are calculated to produce. He indeed must entertain very inferior and erroneous notions of the nature and design of the ordinances of the Church, and of the high objects of the ministerial calling, who does not extend their influence to the excitement and preservation of the power of godliness; of that vital and productive faith which, through the agency of the divine Spirit, renewing the soul, and conforming the life to the holy standard of Christian morals, can alone authorize the elevated hope, that we are the subjects of God's favour, and in a state of preparation for His kingdom of glory.

That your ministrations, my Clerical Brethren, may produce these exalted effects in the present holiness and eternal salvation of the people committed to your charge, is, I am confident, the subject of your earnest solicitude and constant prayers. To endeavour to produce these effects by any other means than those which our Church authorizes, and which the piety and wisdom of ages have sanctioned, would be a departure from the most solemn obligations of duty, and would not ultimately produce that fervent, and, at the same time, that humble, that unassuming, that consistent, that permanent piety, equally remote from the extremes of lukewarmness and enthusiasm, which alone the real friend to our Church, and to the substantial interests of religion, would wish to see prevail.

It is cause both of gratitude and of boast, that what are considered by some *the dull round of Church observances*, in the hands of a faithful and zealous minister, prove, by the blessing of God, effectual in converting sinners, and in establishing believers in the holy faith of the Gospel. I could point to districts in which, since the period of little more than twenty years, the praises of those who have experienced the power and the consolations of redeeming mercy, have cheered the wilderness and the solitary place. I could point there to many whom the truth, as it is in Jesus, has made free from the bondage of sin, and His grace adorned with the Christian virtues. And these blessed effects have been produced by the regular and faithful use of the forms of our Church, (God by His Spirit accompanying them,) and of these forms only. I have seen the minister of our Church, faithful to those vows which he made at her altar, when he devoted himself to the service of his divine Master, with holy ardour offering the prescribed service of the sanctuary; and in the family, and the private circle, animating and exalting their devotions by the fervent language of the Liturgy. I have seen him training up the lambs of his fold, by instructing them in the simple and evangelical formularies which the Church has provided. I have seen him teaching from house to house; and exhorting his people to maintain communion with God, not only in his public

ordinances, but in the exercises of pious reading and meditation, and of secret and constant prayer. To these important parochial labours I have seen him add fidelity, affection, and fervour in preaching the sacred word. In times of more than usual seriousness, and more than common attention to Divine things, he has increased his attention to these private and public means of grace. And they have been blessed in the revival of a spirit of piety, congenial with the scriptural and apostolic doctrines and ordinances of the Church, and which, therefore, we may trust would not have disgraced her purest days.

My Reverend Brethren, such means of grace, and such only do I exhort you, and pray that I may not be unmindful of the force of the exhortation as it respects myself, to continue with diligence and fidelity to employ. And these means, my Brethren of the Laity, it is my duty to impress upon you, if they do not prove to you the "savour of life," will certainly prove to you, in the strong language of an inspired apostle, "the savour of death." May we all then, Clergy and Laity, in our respective stations, so adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, that we may bring honour to His name and to His holy Church, and finally save our own souls.

JOHN HENRY HOBART.

NEW YORK, October 5, 1814.

The Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, from the Committee for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, reported,

That the following missionaries are at present employed in this Diocese:—The Rev. Samuel Fuller, in Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. William A. Clark, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. James Thompson, principally in Greene and Delaware counties; the Rev. William B. Lacey, principally in Chenango and Broome counties; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Unadilla, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, principally in Ontario county.

There can be no doubt that the services of the missionaries have been faithful, and, by the blessing of God, eminently useful. Their number is not adequate to the wants of the congregations, and of the Episcopalians scattered throughout various parts of the State. These look for those ministrations of our Church, which from education and from principle they revere, almost solely, to the missionaries whom the benevolence of their more wealthy brethren sends among them.

The Bishop stated to the Convention the substance of the report of the missionaries made to him as follows:

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, for the year past, has divided his time as usual betwixt Rensselaerville and Durham; except two Sundays at Stamford, two at Windham, one at Greenville, and

one at Athens and Cattskill, by exchange. He has also officiated, on week days, besides, at Rensselaerville, and Durham, at Greenville, and Windham, and once at Lexington, and once at Cattskill.

Baptisms: Rensselaerville, children, 11; Durham, children, 8; Greenville, adults 2, children 3—5; Stamford, children, 4;—28.

The foundation-stone of the church in Rensselaerville was laid August 1st; and the same week the building, which is of wood, was raised. It is now nearly enclosed; and, by contract is to be finished in about one year from this time. The Holy Communion of the LORD'S Supper has been duly administered in the places where he has officiated; and the worship of the Church has been attended with order and propriety. He made the Missionary collection.

The Rev. William A. Clark, in his letter to the Bishop, reports, that for the year past he has confined his labours, as he was authorized, principally to the village of Manlius, and its vicinity, and that the growth of the Church in this place has exceeded his expectations.

Christ Church, Manlius. Communicants, 40; baptisms, infants 19, adults 5—24; deaths, 11; marriages, 2.

One Sunday he has performed Divine service in Auburn, and once by exchange in Geneva. In different parts of Pompey on six Sundays he has given a third service, after performing service morning and evening in the village. Twice also at Jamesville, and twice in Cazenovia, and once in Eagle Village. Also at the funerals which he has been called to attend he has most commonly preached. The remainder of his time has been employed with the church and people of Manlius. When not called to perform a third service, he has almost invariably, on Sundays, catechised the children.

The building, which was begun in 1813, was finished early in the present year, and now only waits consecration.

The Rev. James Thompson, in his letter to the Bishop, reports, that he has performed Divine service at Stamford, twenty Sundays, at Windham eleven Sundays, at Greenville ten Sundays, at Harpersfield three Sundays, at Unadilla one Sunday, at Chenango Point one Sunday, at Durham one Sunday, one Sunday at Unadilla, at the consecration of the church. There have been but two Sundays in which he has not performed Divine service, since he returned home in October, 1813, once by reason of sickness, and once by reason of rain.

Communicants: Windham, 23; Greenville, 26; Stamford and Harpersfield, 32;—81.

Seven communicants have been added at Greenville, five at Stamford, and three at Windham, the year past. The congregation at Greenville is the remnant of Christ Church, Coxsackie. The flock has been scattered for want of a pastor to feed them. There have been some additions to this congregation the year past, and an increase of vital piety; numbers here attended worship, who were before unacquainted with the service of the Church. The congregation at Harpersfield is not yet organized, but probably will be soon; when there is not Divine service there, the people attend Church at Stamford. He preached lectures in the congregation several times this year, nineteen lectures at Stamford and Harpersfield, two at Greenville, two at Windham, and six at Durham. He states to the Bishop, that according to direction, he visited the congregations at Unadilla, Windsor, Chenango Point, and Franklin, and was absent four weeks and four days; during which time he performed Divine service thirty-three times. In some of those places the congregations attended public worship several days together. There appeared to be a great solicitude to hear the Gospel preached, and a holy desire for the Divine ordinances. He remarks, that piety, and a zealous attachment to the Church, are increasing in the Episcopal congregations which he visited. He states, that he has visited great numbers of families in the course of the year, and instructed them in Gospel doctrines, and explained to them the Liturgy and Articles of Religion of our Church, and has catechised many children at Greenville, Durham, Stamford, and Harpersfield; several Common Prayer Books have been distributed, and about 40 have been purchased by the different congregations, and they are now so far supplied, that the service is performed with decency and fervour of devotion. The Companion to the Prayer Book, and other religious tracts which he distributed, have been useful to the congregations; but many Prayer Books are still wanting.

He states, that the congregation at Stamford are finishing their church; and observes that there is an awakened zeal in this congregation. He has baptised twenty infants, and attended four funerals; he preached the Missionary and Episcopal sermons, and made the Episcopal and Missionary collections.

The Rev. William B. Lacey reports to the Bishop, that since the 7th of October, 1813, (the time he received Deacons' orders,) he has performed Divine service twenty-six Sundays in St. Paul's Church, Paris; two Sundays in Trinity Church, Utica, during the absence of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, last autumn; nine Sundays in Christ Church, Eaton; two Sundays in Waterville, county of Oneida; two Sundays in St. Luke's Church, Windsor; eight Sundays in St. Luke's Church, Richfield; one Sunday in St.

John's Church, Otsego ; and, besides, has given, at different places, seventy-seven lectures ; attended twelve funerals, and performed thirty-one baptisms ; nine at St. Paul's Church, Paris ; seven at Christ Church, Eaton ; eight at St. Paul's Church, Oxford ; and seven at St. Luke's Church, Windsor.

In the counties of Chenango and Broome, where he has performed Missionary services, prospects are highly auspicious.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler reports to the Bishop, that he entered on his services in the village of Unadilla, the first of May, and humbly hopes that his labours have been in some measure instrumental in quickening and strengthening the people, and advancing the interests of the Church. The congregation is increasing, and the people generally are brought to prize the Church and her sacraments more than they ever have done before.

June 22, 1814, visited the village of New Berlin, Chenango county, in company with the Rev. Mr. Nash. He spent one day with the people, and preached to a very respectable congregation. The Church-people, he observes, appear to be filled with joy and gratitude in hearing the glad tidings of the Gospel, and in having the doctrines of their faith elucidated and explained.

They were organized into a church by the Rev. Mr. Nash ; and, while he was there, laid the foundation of a handsome building.

July 1, 1814, he visited the town of Franklin, Delaware county ; in which place he found a considerable number of Episcopal families, and of high respectability. He performed Divine service twice, and spent some time in conversation.

There is a flattering prospect of increase to the Church in this place.

September 24th, 1814, he visited the congregation at the Ochquaga Hills. The Church-people here, he observes, are truly animated and alive. The services which have been received from the missionaries of the Church, are not in vain ; the congregation is increasing ; he never found so much attention to religion among any people : and he never saw the service of the Church, and the word preached, have a more perceptible effect on the heart.

Mr. Wheeler has devoted the rest of his time to the congregations at the Unadilla and at Butternutts.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, from Geneva, under date of Sept. 19, writes to the Bishop, that agreeably to his directions, he repaired to this part of the diocese, as soon as circumstances would permit after his ordination, in May last. He found the congregations much in want of the services of a clergyman. He

has performed Divine service three Sundays at Honeyoye, three at Victor, (formerly Bloomfield,) two at Clifton Springs, two at Pulteneyville, one at Sheldon, and one at Catharine. He has exchanged with the Rev. O. Clark three times, who has officiated for him at Honeyoye, Victor, and Clifton Springs. Besides officiating on Sundays, he has officiated on week days, and given several lectures in the different places. Baptisms, 12.

He has performed Divine service in no place where the congregation does not appear to be in a tolerably flourishing condition. Considerable additions are making, and are likely to be made, to several of them. At Honeyoye a church, on a handsome plan, has been erected the summer past, and is now fast completing: at Victor they are collecting materials, out of which they calculate to erect one at the opening of spring. Everywhere a zeal and love for the Church seem to be increasing, and the congregations appear disposed to do every thing in their power for its support. At several places, where there are now none, congregations might be formed, if there were two or three more missionaries.

Of the labour and fatigue he is obliged to undergo in visiting so many societies, scattered over so large a tract of country, he observes, that he does not complain. But it is much to be feared, that unless Divine service can be performed in each of the congregations more frequently than it hitherto has been, the people will soon grow cold and indifferent to it, and will be in danger of being drawn away from the Church.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance, which reasons were accepted.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Clergy and Lay readers of the Church in this State, to read to the congregations, the pastoral address of the House of Bishops, and the address of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart to this Convention, at such time as they shall deem proper.

A certificate of the incorporation of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, was read and approved, and the same was received into union with this Church.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, which were presented and read, and, as required by the said canon, inserted on the Journals.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 11 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 10.

St. Peter's Church, Albany ; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 89—96 ; marriages, 20 ; communicants, about 120.

Parish of Rye and White Plains ; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Marriages, 13 ; baptisms, 18 ; funerals, 13 ; communicants, between 50 and 60.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. David Moore, Rector.—Families, 320 ; funerals, 41 ; marriages, 12 ; baptisms, 52 ; communicants, 259.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, Deacon, officiating Minister.

On the 15th of June, A. D. 1814, the Rev. Mr. Feltus resigned the charge of this parish ; at which time there were communicants, 123. Baptisms, recorded since the last Convention, 24 ; marriages, 7. On the 9th of July he was elected Rector of St. Ann's Church, since which time there have been baptisms, 8 ; communicants added, 1 ; funerals, 3.

St. Paul's Church, Charlton ; Rev. David Huntington, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 20—26 ; marriages, 4 ; deaths, 3 ; communicants, 30 ; families, 50.

Two Sundays he performed Divine service in the vacant church at Stillwater, and once in that at Duanesburgh.

Trinity Church, Geneva ; Rev. Orin Clark, Rector.—Baptisms—infants, 15 ; communicants, 25 ; funerals, 5.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Trinity Church, Lansingburgh ; Rev. David Butler, Rector.—*St. Paul's Church, Troy.* Baptisms, adults 11, infants 28—39 ; marriages, 23 ; funerals, 12 ; communicants, 86.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh. Baptisms, adult 1, infants 6—7 ; funeral, 1.

Grace Church, Waterford. Baptisms, adult 1, infants 3—4 ; funeral, 1.

Sandy Hill. Baptisms—children, 3.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county ;* Rev. William Powell, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 12 ; communicants, 48 ; marriages, 3 ; funerals, 9.

St. James' Church, Goshen ; Rev. William Powell, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 10 ; communicants, 8 ; marriages, 3 ; funerals, 3.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island ; Rev. E. M. Johnson, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Marriages, 6 ; funerals, 2 ; baptisms, 4 ; communicants, 24.

St. John's Church, Yonkers ; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 16, children 26—42 ; communicants, 54 ; marriages, 8 ; funerals, 4.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park ; Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, children 17—20 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 34.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle ; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 5, infants 6—11 ; marriages, 10 ; funerals, 7 ; communicants, 20.

Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms, 78 ; funerals, 16 ; marriages, 18 ; communicants, 60.

Parish of Trinity Church, containing Trinity Church, and St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapels, New York ; Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Assistant Rector.—Baptisms, 139 ; marriages, 42 ; funerals, 431 ; communicants, about 700.†

Trinity Church, Fairfield ; Rev. V. H. Barber, Rector.—Baptisms, 2 ; marriage, 1 ; burial, 1 ; communicants, 27.

St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 62—64 ; marriages, 29 ; funerals, 2 ; communicants, 60.

Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 76 ; marriages, 40 ; communicants, 240.

* This report was transmitted.

† The separation of St. George's Chapel, and the establishment of new congregations in the city, have diminished the number of communicants in this parish.

St. George's Church, Flushing ; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 5 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 7 ; communicants, 45.

St. George's Church, New York ; Rev. John Kewley, Rector.—Marriages, 13 ; baptisms, 33 ; funerals, 10.

St. George's Parish, Hempstead ; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Marriages, 28 ; baptisms, 27 ; burials, 18 ; communicants, 130.

Grace Church, Jamaica ; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 17 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 9 ; communicants, 36.

Grace Church, New York ; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector.—Marriages, 11 ; baptisms, 26 ; communicants, 140.

The Clergy were called on for an account of the collections made in their respective congregations for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, which account was accordingly rendered.

In addition to the Clergy previously mentioned on the Journals, the following Clergy, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

Henry Moscrop, of New York ; George Boyd, Deacon ; Charles Seabury, of Brookhaven ; Eli Wheeler, of North Hempstead.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Deputies to the General Convention :

Rev. Dr. Wilkins, Rev. Dr. How, Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rev. Dr. Kewley ; Hon. Rufus King, Hon. P. S. Van Rensselaer, Dr. John Onderdonk, Mr. William Ogden.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

Rev. Dr. Bowden, Rev. Dr. Harris, Rev. Dr. Bowen, Rev. Mr. Lyell ; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. M. Clarkson, Robert Troup, Esq., Mr. William Ogden.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating

the Gospel in the State of New York, the Bishop being a member *ex-officio* :

Rev. Dr. Bowden, Rev. Dr. Bowen, Rev. Mr. Williston ; Mr. G. H. Van Wagenen, Mr. David M. Clarkson, Dr. John Onderdonk.

The following report of the Treasurer of the Convention, stating the amount of the Episcopal Fund,* was read :

“ The Treasurer of this Convention respectfully submits the following report, *viz.* :

“ That he has at present out at interest, secured by bond and mortgage, belonging to the Episcopal Fund in the State of New York, the sum of ten thousand nine hundred dollars and eighty-four cents ; and that there is outstanding for interest not yet collected, three hundred and thirty-two dollars and fifty cents ; and cash remaining in his hands, two hundred and two dollars and one cent ; making together eleven thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars and thirty-five cents.

“ GERRIT H. VAN WAGENEN,

“ *Treasurer of the Convention.*”

The thanks of the Convention were returned to the Treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen was re-elected, by ballot, the Treasurer of the Convention.

Agreeably to the canon of the Church in this State, providing for the supply of vacant parishes, the Bishop appointed the following Clergy to supply the vacant congregations annexed to their names respectively, at such times as they may deem most convenient and proper :

The Rev. Mr. Seabury, the Rev. Mr. Hart, and the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, Huntington and Islip.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper, and the Rev. Mr. Haskell, Bedford and Newcastle, Salem and Patterson.

The Rev. Mr. Empie, and the Rev. Mr. Brown, Peekskill and Phillipstown.

The Rev. Mr. Powell, and the Rev. Mr. Brown, Newburgh.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, and the Rev. Mr. McVickar, the vacant congregations in Dutchess county.

The Rev. Mr. Prentiss, Stillwater.

* The Episcopal Fund, which is formed of the annual collections for the purpose in the congregations, is to be permitted to accumulate, without diminution, until the annual profits of the fund become adequate to the support of a Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins, and the Rev. Mr. Clowes, Duanesborough.

The Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rev. Mr. Huntington, Johnstown.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, and the Rev. Mr. Adams, Stillwater and Sandy Hill.

The Rev. Mr. Jewett, Sandy Hill.

The other congregations which have not settled Clergymen, are supplied by Missionaries.

The Convention adjourned.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Assistant Bishop of the P. E. Church in the State of New York, and President of the Convention.

THOMAS LYELL, *Secretary of the Convention.*

A P P E N D I X .

EXTRACTS

From the Journal of the Proceedings of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in a General Convention, held in the city of Philadelphia, from May 17th to May 24th, 1814, inclusive.

HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES, }
Saturday, May 21, 1814. }

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the requisitions of the 45th canon, have taken a general view of the state of the Church, and respectfully offer to the House of Bishops the result of their inquiries. From these observations, and the accompanying documents, it is hoped, that the House of Bishops will be able to comply with the requisition of the above mentioned canon, in regard to a Pastoral Letter.

New Hampshire.

The Church in this State appears to be stationary; no material alteration having taken place for several years past. The congregations, though not numerous, are attached to the worship of the Church, and perform their devotional exercises with order and regularity.

Massachusetts.

In this State the general appearance of the Church is highly flattering. Two new church edifices have been erected; new congregations have been formed; and some of the former ones considerably enlarged. A growing zeal for the cause of religion, and an attachment to the interests of the Church are visible in many parts of the State, and promise increasing prosperity. Though some instances have occurred, in which the rubrics and canons have not been regarded, it is believed that such instances are less frequent than on former occasions, and that an attachment to the prescribed order and worship of the Church, is daily increasing.

Rhode Island.

The state of the Church in this part of the Eastern Diocese is also flourishing. The congregations are all, except one, large and prosperous. Some have much increased, both in the number of families and the number of communicants; order and regularity generally prevail, and every deviation from the established regulations of the Church meets with decided disapprobation.

Vermont

The great question, in regard to the Church lands in this State, yet remains undecided; consequently the difficulty of providing support for a sufficient number of pious and active clergymen, presents an insuperable obstacle to the growth of the Church here. The labours however of those two or three clergymen who have officiated here, have, in general, been crowned with success, and several congregations formed, which are zealous and flourishing.

EASTERN DIOCESE,—Generally.

From the returns made by the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, composed of the above mentioned States, it appears that there have been, since the last General Convention, the following ordinations, *viz.*: the Rev. Parker Adams, Rev. Charles Burroughs, Rev. Nathaniel Huse (for Connecticut), Priests. Aaron Humphrey, John P. K. Henshaw, Evan Malbone Johnson (for Connecticut), and Titus Strong, Deacons.

The number of confirmations in three years, have been 1504.—The Rev. Joab G. Cooper has been instituted Rector of the Church in Hanover, and the Rev. Charles Burroughs, Rector of the Church in Portsmouth, (N. H.)—Six persons have been admitted as candidates for Holy Orders.

Connecticut.

The Church in this State appears to be increasing in numbers, and in vital religion. Though frowned upon in the removal of her venerable Bishop, by death; yet the Diocese continues regular in holding Conventions, and in a due attention to the canons of the Church. The Clergy are zealous in the discharge of their duties. The vacancy of the Episcopate, it is believed, will be filled as soon as provision is made for its support. This desirable object is in a train favourable to its accomplishment, in the establishment of a permanent fund. Several new church edifices have been erected since the last General Convention; there is also an increased solicitude, on the part of the Laity, to provide means for the support of the Clergy, and to have the places for public worship kept in decent repair.

The number of confirmations in the last two years of the Bishop's life was 464.

During the year 1811 (since which there appear no returns of ordination), the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis was ordained Priest; and Frederick Holcombe, Stephen Jewett, and Orin Clark, Deacons.

New York.

The congregations in this Diocese are very numerous and respectable, and supplied with the constant, or occasional services of stated clergymen or missionaries.

The parochial reports are regularly exhibited. In 1812, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart visited thirty-seven congregations, in various parts of the State, and administered the rite of Confirmation in twenty-one congregations, to 500 persons.

In the year 1813, thirty-two congregations were visited, and the rite of Confirmation administered in sixteen congregations, to 1100 persons.

Since the last General Convention, in May, 1811, and until the State Convention, in October, 1813, six persons, John Brady, John M'Vickar, David Huntington, Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Lewis P. Bayard (of New Jersey), and James Thompson, have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons; and fifteen Deacons, David Moore, Adam Empie, Ralph Williston, William Berrian, Gilbert H. Sayres, William A. Clark, John M'Vickar, Orin Clark, John Brady, Timothy Clowes, John Croes (of New Jersey), William Powell, Isaac Jones (of Connecticut), William E. Wyatt, and Stephen Jewett, have been admitted to the holy order of Priests. Several persons have been admitted as candidates for Deacons' orders.

During the period above mentioned, the following institutions have taken place: the Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Min-

ister of Trinity Church, New York ; the Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James' Church, Milton ; the Rev. John Kewley, Rector of St. George's Church, New York ; the Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of the same ; the Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York ; and the Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany. During the same period, the Rev. Jonathan Judd, and the Rev. Reuben Hubbard, removed to the Diocese of Connecticut ; the Rev. Adam Empie, to North Carolina ; and the Rev. Dr. Abraham Beach, to New Jersey.

The following churches have been consecrated : St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county ; St. James' Church, Milton, Saratoga county ; St. Peter's Church, Auburn, Cayuga county ; St. Luke's Church, Richfield, Otsego county ; St. James' Church, Goshen ; Grace Church, Waterford ; and Christ Church, Hampton.

The following missionaries have also been employed in the part of the State west of Albany, *viz.* : the Rev. Samuel Fuller, the Rev. William A. Clark, the Rev. Orin Clark, and the Rev. Davenport Phelps, lately deceased, who is justly regarded as the founder of the congregations in the most western counties of the State, whom he attached, not merely to his personal ministrations, but to the doctrines, the order, and liturgy of our Church.

On the whole, there is every reason to believe, that in this Diocese the canons of the Church are faithfully observed, and the Clergy regular and zealous in their ministrations ; and in consequence, under the Divine blessing, the congregations increase, not only in numbers, but in attachment to the principles of the Church, and in the spirit of evangelical piety, as exhibited in her Articles and Liturgy.

New Jersey.

From the Journals and Reports of the Convention in this State, it appears that the number of congregations, duly organized, is twenty-seven. Of this number, only seven enjoy the constant services of the ministry ; four or five others have their churches regularly, though but a part of the time opened on Sundays, by clergymen. To provide the remaining congregations, which are unable to maintain clergymen for themselves, with the administration of the word and ordinances, a fund has been raised by the Convention, which is always in a state of gradual augmentation. There are in the Diocese six instituted rectors ; the whole number of officiating ministers is nine.

An Episcopal Society has been recently established in the Diocese, principally in the northern part, for the purpose of gratuitously distributing Bibles, Prayer Books, and religious Tracts ;

and if the funds admit of it, giving aid to young men designed for the ministry.

The congregations belonging to this Convention appear to be, in general, strongly attached to the services and usages of the Church, and, in the management of their affairs, to be actuated by a strict and sincere regard to the rubrics and canons. Since the last General Convention, there has been an increased attention to the concerns of religion and the Church, which has manifested itself, particularly in repairing and improving the places of public worship; and, it is believed, that the number of pious Churchmen has been considerably enlarged.

Pennsylvania.

There is every reason to believe, that there is an increased attention to the concerns of the Church in this State. The Conventions have of late been well attended, and the Clergy have in a great measure been punctual in presenting their parochial reports. From these reports it appears, that the number of communicants in the several congregations throughout the State, have considerably augmented, particularly in those in the city of Philadelphia. It is highly gratifying to find, that since the last General Convention, exertions have been made for the establishment of an Episcopal Fund. A Society has been formed for the advancement of Christianity, which at present promises extensive usefulness to the Church in this State. "Most of the vacant churches," says the Bishop, in one of his addresses, "have been visited under the direction of this Society, and from the satisfaction given, we may hope, that under the Divine blessing, there will be an increasing usefulness of the institution." The venerable Head of this Diocese has been enabled to visit, during the two last years, some of the country congregations. The happy effects of these visits, are forcibly illustrated by the fact, that in 1811, he reported to the Convention, that during the past year, sixty-one persons had been Confirmed; in 1812 he reported, that three hundred and six had received this holy rite; in 1813 he announced, that during the last year, the number amounted to five hundred and eighty-one. These circumstances are auspicious; it is hoped they will be followed by a rapid increase of vital godliness among all the members of our Apostolic Church in this quarter,—and in general the rubrics are duly observed. Since the last General Convention, until the present time, five persons, Samuel Halbert Turner, Jackson Kemper, Charles Blair Snowden (of South Carolina), Richard D. Hall, and Jehu Curtis Clay, have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons; and seven Deacons, Daniel Higbee (of New Jersey), John Barnwell Campbell (of South Carolina),

Charles Blair Snowden (of South Carolina), William King (of Virginia), Samuel Halbert Turner (of Maryland), Jackson Kemper, and Richard D. Hall, have been admitted to the holy order of Priests.

Delaware.

The condition of the Church in this State is truly distressing, and the prospect gloomy. Of the eleven congregations in Delaware, two are supplied by the Rev. Mr. Clay, and one by the Rev. Mr. Davis, from Maryland. It is, however, gratifying to learn, that there is an increasing anxiety manifested for obtaining clergymen. Some of the vacant congregations have the service performed on Sundays, by laymen. Where the Sacrament of the LORD'S Supper has been administered by visiting clergymen, the communicants have been numerous. Could the Church in this State be supplied with zealous and pious ministers, there is every reason to believe that their labours would be crowned with success, in advancing the interests of the Church and vital godliness.

Maryland.

The Church in Maryland still continues in a state of depression; many parishes are without ministers, and a considerable number of the churches are in a decayed condition; the Clergy are so ill provided for, that except in Baltimore and Georgetown, their livings are quite insufficient for the support of their families, and of course they are obliged to resort to some other means. In these cities the Clergy are well supported, and the churches kept in good repair, and there appear to be evident symptoms of the increase of piety; in some parts of the State, by the exertions of pious and zealous ministers, there seems to be a revival of religion—churches have been repaired, and some built; the prevailing vices have been checked, and greater attention to Divine worship has appeared; besides, there is an increasing disposition to relish the fine service of our Church, and to comply with her ordinances, so that if it should please God to raise up pious, enlightened, and zealous ministers, who would continue to labour in this part of our divine Master's vineyard, the Church in Maryland might still be raised, and prove a nursery for good principles, enlightened devotion, and pure piety. As the charges and returns of the Bishop are but partially inserted on the Journals of the Convention, and as no account of his proceedings during the last year has been received, it is impossible to state the number of churches consecrated, or clergymen ordained, since the last General Convention.

Virginia.

From a variety of causes, not necessary, and perhaps not proper to detail here, the Church in this State has fallen into a deplorable condition; in many places her ministers have thrown off their sacred profession; her Liturgy is either contemned or unknown, and her sanctuaries are desolate. It would rend any feeling heart, to see spacious temples, venerable even in their dilapidation and ruins, now the habitations of the wild beast of the forest.

But amidst this gloomy scene, a ray of light breaks in upon the prospect, cheering the hearts of the friends of the Church. Her members in Virginia have been taught, by a dreadful experience, the value of their peculiar institutions. They look back with regret, and sigh when they talk of former days, when they were wont to go with joy into the courts of Zion; they are ready and desirous to return to that fold from which they have wandered so long, as sheep having no shepherd. They anxiously seek the restoration of their primitive and apostolical form of worship, and sound doctrine, and pray that ministers of zeal and piety may come and help them. Perhaps no place in the United States presents a more extensive field for the faithful labourer. Here are the best of materials, and here are the noblest inducements of duty, of honour, and reward.

The dispositions of the people, and especially of some eminent laymen, who have come forward, with interest and zeal, afford pleasing pledges of those good fruits, which their active exertions will not fail to produce. A magnificent church has sprung up in Richmond, from the ashes of the theatre; it has the patronage and support of men of the greatest talents, and highest rank in Virginia. They have chosen as their pastor, the Rev. R. C. Moore, D. D., who is now the Bishop of the Diocese, and under whose auspices there is reason to hope for the most favourable results.

The corner-stone of a large and respectable church has been laid in Fredericksburgh, on the site of the old building, which has gone to decay. For Leesburgh also, they have obtained a subscription, adequate to the expense of erecting a respectable church. And in the counties of Frederick and Spottsylvania, and perhaps in other places, from which reports have not been received, the state of the Church is improving. In Alexandria there are two large and respectable congregations. From the present excitement, which is manifest throughout the State, nothing more seems wanting, under the blessing of God, than faithful ministers, to realize the hopes which are entertained of the future prosperity of this important part of our Zion. Let all who wish her well, pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest.

South Carolina.

There is cause of rejoicing to the friends of the Church in this Diocese. There is an evident revival of religion, and a visible growth in piety. From various causes, not necessary, and perhaps not expedient to state, the Church in this State had sunk very low; but, through the blessing of the Almighty on the zealous exertions of the visible Head of it, much has been done for its good, and more is to be confidently expected.

The various parishes are making exertions to provide for their ministers, and to re-establish Divine service in the vacant churches. A resolution has also been entered into by the Clergy, to supply the services and ordinances of the Church, as often as possible, to the vacant parishes. It appears from the Bishop's address, in 1812, that two new Episcopal congregations were collected and organized; one at Columbia, the seat of government, and one at Camden; and that for the former, a lay reader was provided by the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina. It appears also, from the same address, that Dr. Frederick Dalcho, of Charleston, had been received as a candidate for Holy Orders, and the Rev. Christian Hankle, formerly of Burlington, New Jersey, had been admitted to the order of Deacon.

In the year 1813-14, Episcopal visitations were made, and 516 persons confirmed. Two candidates for Holy Orders, *viz.*: Maurice Harvey Lance, and Albert Muller, were received; and Dr. Frederick Dalcho was admitted to the order of Deacon. The Parish of St. George, Winyaw, was deprived, by death, of its rector, the Rev. Dr. Halling.

The state of the Church in this Diocese will appear from the following extract from the last address of the Bishop: "In the view," says he, "which I am required, by a useful canon of the Church, to give you of the affairs of the Diocese, since the last meeting of the Convention, it will fall within the scope of the regulation, to congratulate you on the degree of concord and Christian fellowship with which our churches are blessed. It is hardly possible, that in any society, composed of many parts, and all the parts of frail and fallible beings, there should exist such an entire unity of opinion, and community of feelings, as to produce always a perfectly harmonious co-operation towards an accomplishment of the same ends; as near an approach to this happy state as is compatible with the condition and infirmities of man, is, through the good blessing of God, at present enjoyed by us in this Diocese. In a degree, which is gratifying to me to remark, as it has doubtless been pleasing to you to notice, the Clergy of the Diocese are kindly affectioned one to another, with

brotherly love; and their respective parishes being knit together, and compacted by that, which every joint supplieth, are, it is humbly hoped, making some increase of the body, to the edifying of itself in love. Thus far there is unity, and all will ever be concerned for the interests and feelings of all, if we be actuated by the genuine spirit of the religion of JESUS CHRIST."

It ought to be mentioned, that in South Carolina a Society has been instituted for the advancement of Christianity, which has met with great success, and been instrumental in establishing two churches in a section of the country where our worship was never before held. This Society, by distributing books, illustrative of the distinctive principles of our Church, and by assisting a young man of genius and piety, a candidate for the ministry, has done much to advance the interests of our religion, and of our excellent Church.

It is also to be stated, that the rubrics and canons are here conscientiously and strictly observed.

The house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in laying the preceding statement before the venerable House of Bishops, pray for themselves and the Church, their counsel, and the blessing of Almighty God.

Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

JOHN CROES, *President*.

May 21st, 1814.

The said report having been read and considered, was adopted, directed to be signed by the President, and sent to the House of Bishops; which were accordingly done.

The following resolution was proposed, and adopted:

Whereas the mode heretofore adopted, for making known the Constitution and Canons of the Church, has fallen short of that desirable end; and in order that the interest of the Church may be advanced by a more general knowledge of the said Constitution and Canons, and also that the proceedings of the General Convention may be promulgated to the members of the Church at large;

Resolved, That it be recommended to the ecclesiastical authorities in the several Dioceses, to cause the same to be made known in the congregations respectively within their bounds, by such measures as may be deemed expedient, and accommodated to local circumstances.

The said resolution was sent to the House of Bishops for their concurrence, and was concurred in by them.

The following message was received from the House of Bishops, together with a pastoral letter, prepared by said House :

The House of Bishops having examined and considered the report of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, presented agreeably to the provisions of the 45th canon, transmit to them agreeably to the same canon, a pastoral letter, founded on the report. The House of Bishops, reciprocating the affectionate sentiments of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanying their report, request their aid in all proper measures of the Episcopacy, for the extending of the influence of religion, and the increase of the Church ; imploring the Divine blessing on them individually, and on the churches which they respectively represent.

The resolution sent to the House of Bishops, on the subject of the preparation and transmission of reports, from each State Convention, on the state of the Church, was returned with an amendment, in which this House concurred. The resolution, as amended and finally agreed to, is as follows :

Resolved, That it be recommended, that the ecclesiastical authority of the Church, in every State or Diocese, prepare a report on the state of the Church, in their State or Diocese, previously to the meeting of every General Convention, for the purpose of aiding the Committee on the State of the Church, appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in drafting their report.

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1814.

The joint Committee of the two Houses, on the question of a copy-right for the Book of Common Prayer, reported as follows :

That they are informed on credible authority, that the same object was contemplated in the year 1789, on the editing of the book, as it is now established by the authority of this Church ; but was relinquished, in consequence of perceiving that complaints were likely to arise from the apprehension that the price would be thereby enhanced. The objection was, that an appropriation of the proceeds, to a purpose both religious and charitable, would not reconcile the members of this Church to a tax, which, it was alleged, was thus imposed ; the book being of a character, which it was a duty to possess. Whether the objection may not be guarded against by a contract, in which the prices of books should be fixed agreeably to their different sizes ; and whether in this case there ought to be regarded the complaints, which would still be made of an alleged unreasonableness of price, the Committee submit to the consideration of the Convention. The Committee

are not sufficiently informed of the operation of law, on the present subject, so as to judge of the practicability of the measure proposed; nor have they had either time, or the authority of the Convention, to take advice thereon,—but, they propose that law advice should be taken, before further progress. Further, it has not occurred to the Committee, how the copy-right may be so contrived, as to be made consistent with the 8th article of the Ecclesiastical Constitution. That some alteration must be made in the present book, to bring it under the exclusive claim of a copy-right is evident. If the alteration should affect the book, as described by its known name, the difficulty here noticed must present itself. But if the alteration should be made in any of the instruments of this Church, which are usually bound up with the Book of Common Prayer, it would seem that the latter might be still published, without legal interference. On the ground of the premises, the Joint Committee propose to the two Houses as follows:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Bishops to consider of the propriety of granting a copy-right, in the Book of Common Prayer; to inquire in their respective dioceses, and elsewhere, as circumstances may permit, whether the said measure can be adopted, consistently with law, and the approbation of the Conventions in the different Dioceses, and to report to the next General Convention.

The foregoing report having been adopted in the House of Bishops, on motion, this House concurred in the adoption of the same.]

The following resolution was proposed, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention contemplate with much pleasure the rise and progress of institutions for the advancement of Christianity, in several of the dioceses in the United States, and that they recommend such institutions to the patronage of all the friends of our Church.*

HOUSE OF BISHOPS,† }
Friday Morning, May 20, 1814. }

The following declaration was proposed, and agreed to:

It having come to the knowledge of this House, that some doubts have arisen in certain districts, in reference to the sense

* This resolution was concurred in by the House of Bishops.

† The House of Bishops consisted of the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania; the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, of New York; the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, of the Eastern Diocese; the Right Rev. Bishop Dehon, of South Carolina; the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, of Virginia.

of some of the provisions of the 19th canon, they hold it expedient to make the following declaration, to record it on their minutes, and to communicate it to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

So far as concerns regulations, in reference to the place of officiating and to ministerial dress, the Bishops suppose, that the prohibitions of the canon were grounded merely on the propriety of guarding against popular mistakes; which might otherwise rank among the number of the Clergy, a person not ordained. Accordingly they conceive that the design of the canon reaches every circumstance of position and of dress, which the custom of the Church and the habits of social life may render liable to misconception in the premises. On this ground, the House of Bishops consider it as contrary to the design of the canon for candidates to read sermons from the places usually considered as appropriated to ordained ministers, or to appear in bands, or gowns, or surplices.

The Secretary communicated the above declaration to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The following declaration was proposed, and agreed to :

It having been credibly stated to the House of Bishops, that on questions, in reference to property devised, before the revolution, to congregations belonging to "the Church of England," and to uses connected with that name, some doubts have been entertained in regard to the identity of the body to which the two names have been applied, the House think it expedient to make the declaration, and to request the concurrence of the House Clerical and Lay Deputies therein—"That the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America" is the same body heretofore known in these States by the name of "the Church of England;" the change of name, although not of religious principle in doctrine or in worship, or in discipline, being induced by a characteristic of the Church of England, supposing the independence of the Christian Churches, under the different sovereignties, to which respectively their allegiance in civil concerns belongs. But that when the severance alluded to took place, and ever since, this Church conceives of herself, as professing and acting on the principles of the Church of England, is evident from the organization of our Conventions, and from their subsequent proceedings, as recorded on the Journals; to which, accordingly, this Convention refer for satisfaction in the premises. But it would be contrary to fact, were any one to infer, that the discipline exercised in this Church, or that any proceedings therein are at all dependant on the will of the civil or of the ecclesiastical authority of any foreign country.

The above declaration having been communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, they returned for answer, that they concurred therein.

A canon, altering and explaining the 29th canon, concerning the election and institution of ministers, was proposed and agreed to, and sent to the other House for their concurrence.*

The following resolution concerning the Book of Homilies, was proposed and adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence.†

The House of Bishops, taking into consideration, that the two Books of Homilies are referred to in the 35th article of this Church, as containing a body of sound Christian doctrine; and knowing, by their respective experience, the scarcity of the volume, rendering it difficult for some candidates in the ministry to possess opportunities of studying its contents, propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to make it a standing instruction to every Bishop and to the ecclesiastical authority in every State destitute of a Bishop, to be furnished (as soon as may be) with a copy or copies of said work, and to require it to be studied by all candidates for the ministry within their respective bounds; under the expectation, that when offering for ordination the knowledge of its contents will be indispensably required.

A canon, concerning the alms and contributions at the Holy Communion, was proposed, and adopted.‡

SATURDAY MORNING, May 21st, 1814.

A communication was made to this House by the President, respecting two matters committed to him by the last triennial Convention.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That information of the same be transmitted to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; to be returned to this House and entered on their Journal.

The communication is as follows:

The President requests the attention of the House to those passages in the Journal of 1811, where it appears, that there

* This canon was concurred in by that House.

† This resolution was concurred in by that House.

‡ This canon was concurred in by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

were laid on him two acts of duty, which consequent circumstances have prevented from being carried into effect.

The President, and the Bishop of this Church in Virginia, were requested "to devise means for supplying the congregations of this Church west of the Allegany mountains, with the ministration and worship of the same, and for organizing the Church in the Western States." In consequence of this request, the President had begun a correspondence with Bishop Madison; but all further progress was arrested by the decease of the said Right Rev. Brother. This did not hinder the President from submitting to the Convention of this Church in Pennsylvania, a proposal, which was complied with, designed so far to meet the desires of some members of this Church in the western country, as that in the event of a settlement of a Bishop therein, the congregations in the western counties of the State might be under his superintendence; on such a plan as would not affect the integrity of the Church in the State of Pennsylvania, as a component member of the body of this Church throughout our union, in contrariety to the Constitution.

The President was further requested to address a letter, in behalf of the Convention, to the venerable Society in England for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in reference to certain lands held by them in the State of Vermont, and intended in the original grant for the benefit of the Episcopal Church therein. It was necessary to the execution of this commission, that the President should have been furnished with certain documents. These were delayed by some circumstances not under his control, until the occurrence of the present war; which rendered a correspondence in the premises improper.

The above information was carried to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies by the Secretary.

The following recommendation was proposed, and adopted:

The House of Bishops propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following recommendation to be considered of by the House, and if agreeable, to be returned to this House and entered on their Journal:

Whereas a diversity of custom has of late years prevailed in the posture of ministers and of the people, during the act of singing the psalms and the hymns in metre; the former practice of sitting during this part of the service gradually giving way to the more comely posture of standing; it is hereby recommended by this Convention, that it be considered as the duty of the ministers of this Church, to encourage the use of the latter posture, and to

induce the members of their congregations, as circumstances may permit, to do the same: allowance to be made for cases, in which it may be considered inconvenient by age, or by infirmity. Practice under this recommendation is to begin from the time when suitable information shall have been given by the Clergy to their respective flocks. And it shall be the duty of every minister to give notice of this recommendation to his congregation at such time as in his discretion may be the most proper.

The carrying into effect of the contemplated change, may be delayed by the Bishop of any Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, by the ecclesiastical authority therein, until there shall have been time and opportunity of explaining satisfactorily the grounds of the measure.

This recommendation was taken by the Secretary to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.*

The following proposition was submitted and agreed to, and communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies :

The House of Bishops communicate to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following resolve, and the following rule of the House of Bishops, to be entered on their Journal after being returned by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

There was laid before the House, an address from the Rev. Dr. William Smith, of Connecticut, together with sundry anthems selected from Holy Scripture, and adapted to certain fasts and feasts of the Church. The object of the address is to induce the establishment of the said anthems as part of the Liturgy.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is not expedient, during this Convention, to go into a review, either in whole or in part, of the Book of Common Prayer. It could not, however, but give satisfaction to the Bishops to recollect, that anthems taken from Scripture, and judiciously arranged, may, according to the known allowance of this Church, be sung in congregations at the discretion of their respective ministers. On this occasion, a question arose, how far it may be proper at any meeting of the Convention, to give their sanction, or that of this House in particular, to any work, however tending to religious instruction, or to the excitement of pious affections. In reference to this subject, it is the unanimous opinion of the Bishops present, that no such sanction should be given. And it is hereby made a rule of the House, that if any application should be made tending to such effect, it shall not be considered as regularly brought before them.

* The recommendation was concurred in by that House.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies returned to the House of Bishops their communications concerning anthems, with the thanks of said House for the course adopted by the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops transmit to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies the following opinions, the result of attention to an application of the Clerical Deputies from Connecticut. If approved of, it will be entered on the Journal of the former House.

The Clerical Deputies from the Diocese of Connecticut, by direction of the Convention of the same, requested the opinions of the Bishops present, on the meaning of two passages of the canons: 1st, Of this phrase in the 9th canon—"In consideration of certain other qualifications of the candidates;" and, 2dly, Of this phrase in the 40th canon—"or by some other joint act of the parties, and of a minister of this Church."

In explanation of the former phrase, the Bishops are of opinion, that if a candidate should possess extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a considerable extent of theological erudition, although not derived through the medium of the original languages of Scripture, a peculiar aptitude to preach, and a large share of prudence; those qualifications may be a ground of the dispensation here referred to.

In reference to the phrase in the 40th canon, it would perhaps be difficult to define the various ways in which the consent spoken of may be satisfactorily evinced. But the Bishops are of opinion, that any person duly baptised in any religious society extraneous to this communion, joining himself to any congregation of this communion, and possessing an interest in its concerns, in consequence of express or implied permission, may be properly entered by the minister on the list of the names of persons under his parochial care. But the Bishops do not consider themselves as now called on to consider, whether it may not be expedient to make provision for a more definite mode, for the receiving into this Church of persons not baptised within its pale, but joining it on conviction, and with fair characters.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by their Secretary, signifying their approbation of the opinions with respect to the 9th and 40th canons.

A pastoral letter was proposed and adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Resolved, That to the volume of Journals already directed to be re-printed, there be added a second appendix, containing the

two pastoral letters read in the last two preceding Conventions, and the pastoral letter read in this Convention.

This resolution was taken to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and returned with their concurrence.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Bishops, and, in those Dioceses in which there are no Bishops, to the Standing Committees therein, to inquire in the respective Dioceses or States, and to consider for themselves, concerning the expediency of establishing a Theological Seminary, to be conducted under the general authority of this Church; and to report to the next General Convention.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurred in the above resolution.

The House agreed with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in appointing the next General Convention to be held at New York.

A canon, repealing part of the 45th canon of 1808, was adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in which they concurred.

This House returned for answer to the resolve of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting the House of Bishops to appoint one of their own order to preach a sermon at the opening of the next General Convention:—

The Bishops concur in the above resolve; hoping that it may be consistent with the state of health of their brother the Right Rev. Bishop Clagget, to be present, and to preach; and in the case of his absence, resolving, that the next Bishop in seniority, who may not already have preached at the opening of a Convention, be requested to perform the duty.

CANONS

ADOPTED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, 1814.

CANON I.

Concerning the Alms and Contributions at the Holy Communion.

Whereas it appears, that no direction has been made, as to the mode in which the alms and contributions at the administration of the Holy Communion are to be applied; it is hereby declared,

that they shall be deposited with the minister of the parish, or with such Church officer as shall be appointed by him, to be applied by the minister, or under his superintendence, to such pious and charitable uses as shall be thought fit.

House of Bishops, adopted May 20th, 1814.

JACKSON KEMPER, *Secretary*.

Adopted in House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, May 21st, 1814.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, *Secretary*.

CANON II.

Altering and Explaining the 29th Canon, concerning the Election and Institution of Ministers.

So much of the 29th canon of 1808, as requires the institution of an assistant minister in order to his being considered as a regularly admitted and settled parochial minister in any Diocese or State, and his having a voice in the choice of a Bishop, in consequence of his not having been instituted, and as excludes a Deacon from a seat and vote in any Convention where he is not excluded by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in any diocese, is hereby repealed. It is also declared, in explanation of the said canon, that the provision concerning the use of the Office of Institution, is not to be considered as applying to any congregation destitute of a house of worship.]

House of Bishops, adopted May 20th, 1814.]

JACKSON KEMPER, *Secretary*,

Adopted in House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, May 21st, 1814.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, *Secretary*

CANON III.

Repealing part of the 45th Canon of 1808.

That part of the 45th canon of 1808 which requires that the parochial reports inserted on the Journals of each State or Diocesan Convention, shall be read in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention, is hereby repealed.]

House of Bishops, adopted May 24th, 1814.

JACKSON KEMPER, *Secretary*.

Adopted in House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, May 24th, 1814.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, *Secretary*.

THIRTIETH CONVENTION.

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THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;
HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK,
October 3d, and 4th, A. D. 1815.

*List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.*

C L E R G Y .

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. G. T. Bedell, Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva.

The Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. William Creighton, Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Adam Empie, Chaplain, and Professor in the Military Academy, West Point.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, Rensselaerville, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Deacon, officiating in St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, and St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Deacon, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. John McVickar, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Brookhaven.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary, in Greene and Delaware counties.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario county, and the counties adjacent.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York, and officiating in New Jersey.

The Rev. John Croes, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. William Hawley, of Virginia.

The Rev. David Huntington, of St. Paul's Church, Charlton.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, of Christ Church, Hampton.

The Rev. David Moore, of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. William Powell, of St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, and St. James' Church, Goshen.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, of Grace Church, Jamaica, L. I.

LAY DELEGATES.

Bedford and Northcastle, William Jay, Samuel H. Miller.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven, William W. Mills.

Christ Church, Hudson, Jacob R. Van Rensselaer.

Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Israel Horsefield, Robert Gill, Edward Hitchcock.

Christ Church, Hampton, Washington county, Pliny Adams.

Christ Church, Cooperstown, James Cooper.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, James Emott, George P. Oakley.

Christ Church, Rye, Thomas Purdy, Peter J. Munro.

Du St. Esprit, New York, John Pintard, Thomas Hamersley.

Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore.

Grace Church, New York, Archibald Bruce, John Slidell, William Cutting.

Grace Church, Waterford, Hezekiah Ketchum.

South Salem, James Church.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, J. T. Walden.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Nathaniel Britton, Joseph Taylor.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Theodosius Hunt, Fanning C. Tucker.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Thomas Marston, Thomas Philips.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Charles Ludlow, David Fowler.

St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Harry Peters.

St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy.
 St. John's, Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Elijah Valentine.
 St. Mark's Church, Bowery, Dirck Ten Broeck, Nicholas Fish,
 George Turnbull.
 St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, Valentine Nutter.
 St. George's Church, Hempstead, John Kissam.
 St. George's Church, Schenectady, Thomas C. Brownell.
 St. George's Church, Newburgh, Thomas Ellison, George
 Ludlow, Samuel Floyd, David Fowler.
 St. Peter's Church, Albany, John Van Ness Yates, Thomas W.
 Ford, James Gibbons.
 St. Peters Church, West Chester, Abijah Hammond.
 St. James' Church, Hyde Park, John Johnston.
 St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island, David Moore,
 James Blackwell, Gilbert Van Mater.
 Trinity Church, Granville, Martin Lee.
 Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew A. Bartow.
 Trinity Church, New Rochelle, James Harvey.
 Trinity Church, New York, Thomas L. Ogden, Nehemiah
 Rogers.
 Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Apollos Moore.
 Zion Church, New York, John Graff, Thomas Gibbon.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 3D, 1815.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the
 Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of
 New York; and the city of New York having been appointed
 by the Bishop as the place of meeting, the Right Rev. Bishop
 Hobart, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at
 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. William Harris,
 D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, and a charge to
 the Clergy, delivered by the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart.

Divine service being ended, the Convention assembled, and a
 list of the Clergy being called over, agreeably to the second canon
 of this Church of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their
 names, and took their seats:

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica;
 Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle;
 Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church,
 New York; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and
 Moral Philosophy in Columbia College; Rev. Nathanael Bowen,

D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. John Brady, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New York; Rev. G. T. Bedell, Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, Hudson; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing; Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. William Creighton, Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, New York; Rev. Abiel Carter, Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, New York; Rev. Adam Empie, Chaplain, and Professor in the Military Academy, West Point; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, Rensselaerville, and parts adjacent; Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Deacon, officiating in St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, and St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York; Rev. William B. Lacey, Deacon, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park; Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Brookhaven; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties; Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester; Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were absent :

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of the churches in Otsego county; Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of St. James' Church, Milton; Rev. Parker Adams, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, and Grace Church, Waterford; Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Deacon,

St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island; Rev. John Brown, Deacon, Trinity Church, Fishkill; Rev. John Kewley, M. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York; Rev. Ezekiel Gear, Missionary, Onondaga county, and counties adjacent; Rev. Virgil H. Barber, Principal of the Academy, and Minister of Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Lay Delegates exhibited certificates of their appointment, and the following Delegates took their seats:

From Caroline Church, Brookhaven, William W. Mills; Christ Church, Hudson, Jacob R. Van Rensselaer; Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Israel Horsefield, Robert Gill, Edward Hitchcock; Christ Church, Cooperstown, James Cooper; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, James Emott, George P. Oakley; Du St. Esprit, New York, John Pintard; Grace Church, Jamaica, John Skidmore; Grace Church, New York, Archibald Bruce, John Slidell; Grace Church, Waterford, Hezekiah Ketchum; St. Andrew's Church, Orange county, J. T. Walden; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, Nathaniel Britton, Joseph Taylor; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Theodosius Hunt; St. George's Church, Flushing, Thomas Marston, Thomas Philips; St. George's Church, Newburgh, Charles Ludlow, David Fowler; St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Harry Peters; St. James' Church, Hyde Park, John Johnston; St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island, David Moore, James Blackwell, Gilbert Van Mater; St. James' Church, North Salem, Joshua Purdy; St. John's Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Elijah Valentine; St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, Dirck Ten Broeck, Nicholas Fish, George Turnbull; St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Valentine Nutter; Trinity Church, New York, Thos. L. Ogden, Nehemiah Rogers; Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Apollos Moore; Zion Church, New York, John Graff, Thomas Gibbon; Bedford, and Northcastle, William Jay, Samuel H. Miller; South Salem, James Church; Christ Church, Hampton, Washington county, Pliny Adams; Trinity Church, Fairfield, Andrew A. Bartow, Samuel Nichols; St. Peter's Church, Albany, John Van Ness Yates, Thomas W. Ford, James Gibbon; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, James Harvey; St. George's Church, Hempstead, John Kissam; St. George's Church, Schenectady, Thomas C. Brownell; St. George's Church, Newburgh, Thomas Ellison, George Ludlow, Samuel Floyd, David Fowler; St. Peter's Church, West Chester, Abijah Hammond.

The Rev. Thos. Lyell was elected Secretary of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4TH, 1815.

The Convention met, and Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, and the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario county, and the counties adjacent, appeared, and took their seats in the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. John Crocs, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of New Jersey, now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Church not regularly entitled to seats, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following Clergy took their seats agreeably to the foregoing resolution :

The Rev. David Moore, of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, of Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island; the Rev. Mr. Powell, of St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, and St. James' Church, Goshen; the Rev. Mr. Jewett, of Christ Church, Hampton; the Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York, officiating in New Jersey; the Rev. William Hawley, of Virginia; the Rev. David Huntington, of St. Paul's Church, Charlton.

William Cutting, a Lay Delegate from Grace Church, New York; Peter J. Munro, and Thomas Purdy, Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Rye; Fanning C. Tucker, a Lay Delegate from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; and Thomas Hamersley, a Lay Delegate from the church Du St. Esprit, New York, appeared, and took their seats.

Certificates of the incorporation of Trinity Church, in the town of Coventry, and county of Chenango; St. Paul's Church, in the towns of Tully and Preble; and Trinity Church, Granville, Washington county; were read, and the said churches received into union with the Church in this State.

A certificate of the appointment of a Lay Delegate from Trinity Church, Granville, was read, and Martin Lee appeared, and took his seat, as Lay Delegate from the said church.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following address.

MY CLERICAL AND LAY BRETHREN,

Agreeably to the requisition of the canons, I lay before the Convention the proceedings in this Diocese since the last Annual Convention.

Since that time the following persons have received Holy Orders: Gregory T. Bedell, William Hawley, William H. Hart, Abiel Carter, of this Diocese, and William Josephus Bulkley, of the Diocese of Connecticut, have been admitted to the order of Deacons; and the following Deacons, David Huntington, Eli Wheeler, Benjamin T. Onderdonk, and Alanson W. Welton, of this Diocese, and Lewis P. Bayard, of New Jersey, to the order of Priests. The ordination of Lewis P. Bayard and Benjamin T. Onderdonk took place in Newark, New Jersey, where I was invited to hold an ordination by the Standing Committee of that Diocese.

The Rev. Charles Seabury has been instituted to the Rectorship of Caroline Church, Setauket; and the Rev. Eli Wheeler to the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Johnstown.

The Rev. William Hawley and the Rev. William H. Hart have removed to the Diocese of Virginia. The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, has been elected Minister of Christ Church, Hudson; and the Rev. Abiel Carter, Deacon, acts as an Assistant in Christ Church, in this city. The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, has removed from the Diocese of Connecticut into this Diocese, and acts as a Missionary.

In regard to the affairs of the Diocese, it is proper I should state, that the sentence of suspension on the Rev. Cave Jones, in consequence of his refusing to submit to the requisitions of Bishop Moore and his presbyters, to relinquish his title to the office of Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, was removed, on his submitting to the terms of their requisitions, and an official instrument of the removal transmitted to him.

In the city of New York, St. George's Church, which was destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt, and is ready for consecration. But we have to lament the recent destruction, by fire, of the edifice of Zion Church. This event is calculated to excite peculiar sensibility, from the very limited means which the congregation possess of repairing their loss, there being among them few individuals of much wealth. The corporation of Trinity Church do not possess the means of aiding them to any considerable amount; and their only resource, therefore, is the benevolence of individual Episcopalians. It is not to be supposed that this, their only hope, will fail them; that Episcopalians will refuse to aid a sister congregation in circumstances of peculiar distress; or that they will incur the stigma of making no efforts to raise from its ashes, one of the temples of their God; to reinstate their exiled brethren in those sacred courts where they rejoiced to worship; and to comfort the heart and

strengthen the hands of the exemplary and respectable servant of the altar who now mourns its desolation and ruin.

The Right Reverend Bishop Provoost has very recently departed this life. To the benevolence and urbanity that marked all his intercourse with his Clergy, and indeed every social relation, there is strong and universal testimony: and with respect to the manner that marked his official intercourse, there can be no testimony more interesting than that of the venerable Bishop of our Church in Pennsylvania, who, on a public occasion, several years since, referring to the intimate relation between himself and Bishop Provoost, introduced the sentiment, that "delegation to the same civil office is a ground on which benevolence and friendly offices may be expected;" and then remarked, "how much more sacred is a relation between two persons, who, under the appointment of a Christian Church, had been successfully engaged together in obtaining for it the succession to the apostolic office of the Episcopacy; who, in the subsequent exercise of that Episcopacy, had jointly laboured in all the ecclesiastical business which has occurred among us; and who, through the whole of it, never knew a word, or even a sensation, tending to personal dissatisfaction or disunion."*

In the month of November last, I visited the congregations at Bedford and North Salem, in West Chester county; and also a small congregation of Episcopalians in Franklin, in Putnam county.

In the months of June and July I made the following visitations: St. James' Church, Newtown, and administered Confirmation to 44 persons; St. George's Church, Flushing, administered Confirmation to 15 persons, and admitted William J. Bulkley to the order of Deacon; Christ Church, Stratford (Connecticut), at the request of the Standing Committee of that Diocese, and administered Confirmation to 130 persons; Trinity Church, Trumbull, in the same Diocese, and administered Confirmation to 30 persons; Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county, and administered Confirmation to 12 persons; St. Peter's Church, Albany, confirmed 60 persons; Charlton, Saratoga county, confirmed 24 persons; St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, confirmed 10 persons, and instituted the Rev. Mr. Wheeler; Christ Church, Balltown, confirmed 8 persons; the congregations at Ballston Spa and Milton, and, at the latter place, confirmed 13 persons; Trinity Church, Fishkill, and confirmed 17 persons.

In the month of August and part of September, I visited the following congregations, principally in the western district of the State: Utica and Paris, Oneida county; Fairfield, Herkimer county; Manlius, Onondaga county; Tully Flats, Cortlandt county; Auburn, Cayuga county; Clifton Springs, Geneva, Victor, Richmond (formerly Honeyoye), Avon, Pulteneyville, and Canandaigua, Ontario county; Sheldon and Batavia, both near the western frontier, Genesee county. In the principal part of these congregations Confirmations were held; and since the last Convention, the whole number of persons confirmed is about 400.

* Bishop White, in his Sermon at the consecration of Bishop Moore.

At my visitation of the congregation at Manlius, the church in that village, which is a very neat and commodious building, was consecrated by the name of Christ Church, and 44 persons were confirmed. The congregation is increasing, and owes much to the labours of the Rev. William A. Clark. There are two other churches ready for consecration in Rensselaerville, Albany county, and in Stamford, Delaware county, which I expect shortly to consecrate; and it gives me great pleasure to state, that congregations, in various other parts of the Diocese, are erecting churches. In this pious work, and in general to the support of the Ministry, many of the congregations in the country, and especially in its more remote districts, display a zeal which is worthy of high commendation. There have been instances of individuals, possessing only moderate wealth, who have given the tenth, and the eighth part of their property to the building of churches, besides liberal contributions, in the same proportion, to the support of the Clergy. The congregations of our Church, it should be recollected, in the new settlements particularly, are not large; and, therefore, the erection of buildings, and the support of public worship, fall heavily upon them. But for the aid that they received from other quarters, and particularly, as it respects the support of clergymen, from the Missionary Fund, the scattered Episcopalians in many parts of the State, would have been unable to establish congregations, and to obtain permanently the worship of our church. I mention these facts, in order to excite their more wealthy and favoured brethren, particularly in the cities, from the example of their liberality, to contribute, in generous proportion to the means with which Providence has blessed them, to the diffusion and support of that Gospel which is the only security for man's happiness in this life, and his only pledge of felicity in the life which is to come.

It affords me the highest gratification to bear testimony to the zeal and to the fidelity of my brethren of the Clergy in the discharge of their duties. In many places, particularly in the more distant parts of the State, and where the scene of ministerial duty is much extended, it is not to be discharged but with much self-denying and laborious exertion. But, in the older and more compact congregations, I have every reason to believe that there is no failure of exertion and diligence on the part of the Clergy, in the oversight of the flocks committed to their charge. I cannot avoid mentioning the exertions of a young brother in the ministry at Fishkill, who, while in the capacity of a lay reader in that place, was very instrumental in exciting the piety and zeal of the people, and whose labours, since his admission to Deacons' orders, have been very diligent and persevering, and followed by much good.

I ought not to omit to mention, that the congregation at Johnstown have repaired and beautified their house of worship, which is a large stone edifice, erected before the American Revolution, in what was then considered a frontier settlement. Under the very active labours of their present minister, there is every prospect of the increase and prosperity of the congregation.

An opportunity presented itself of attempting to extend the blessings of religious instruction among the Indian tribes, through the instrumentality of

Mr. Eleazar Williams, who was born among them, and has been liberally educated. He is employed by the Missionary Committee, as a catechist and schoolmaster among them. An appeal was made to Episcopalians for their contributions towards the publishing of portions of the Bible and the Common Prayer in the language of the Indian tribes. The money collected is placed in the hands of G. H. Van Wageningen, Esq., the Treasurer of this Convention, subject to my order, for the above purposes; and Mr. Williams is engaged in preparing the portions of Scripture and the Liturgy for publication.

The missionaries continue, as usual, faithful and diligent in their important work.

It is impossible to appreciate too highly the importance of missionary exertions. I visited, for the second time, this summer, the missionary district to the westward, extending from Manlius on the east, to Sheldon, about 25 miles from Lake Erie, on the west; and from Catharine Town, Tioga county, on the south, to Pulteneyville, on Lake Ontario, on the north. This district, comprising a circumference of country more than a hundred miles in diameter, was the scene of the missionary labours of our deceased brother, the Rev. D. Phelps. To him succeeded the Rev. William A. Clark, and the Rev. Orin Clark; and, more recently, the Rev. Alanson W. Welton; whose first labours in their ministry were devoted to this district, with the same piety, prudence, and laborious zeal which distinguished their venerable predecessor. In this district, in which, fifteen years since, it is believed there was not one congregation of our Church which could be considered as permanently established, there are now 14 or 15, which have fair prospects of permanency and prosperity. Indeed, such is the ardent and zealous attachment of the Episcopalians scattered through that country, to the doctrine, the ministry, and the worship of our Church; and such the increasing estimation in which these, in proportion as they are known, are regarded by others, that we only want a greater number of missionaries, in order to ensure the increase and establishment of our Church in various parts of the State. As a most important auxiliary to this object, must be considered the distribution of Prayer Books. The Clergy and Missionaries are uniform in the declaration, that they find no method of increasing our Church more effectual than the distribution of the Book of Common Prayer. It gives me, therefore, great pleasure to notice the increase of Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies in this State. In addition to those in New York and Albany, there have been recently established Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies on Long Island, in Dutchess county, and in Columbia and Greene counties; in the institution of which, many distinguished laymen of our Church have cordially co-operated. In common with my brethren of the Clergy, I feel it a duty to acknowledge how much we owe, on various occasions, to the zealous co-operation of our brethren of the Laity; and to notice, with the highest pleasure, their increasing zeal for the advancement of the interests of our Church. An evidence of this is to be found in their attendance at these annual Conventions; one great object of which is, by bringing together, at stated periods, the Clergy and the Laity, from various

parts of the State, to strengthen the bonds of union among the members of our Church, and mutually to animate and to direct their zeal in her cause, and their exertions for her increase and prosperity. May these exertions be attended with the blessing of Almighty God.*

JOHN HENRY HOBART.

NEW YORK, October 4, 1815.

The Clergy who were absent at the last Convention were called on for the reasons of their absence, agreeably to the canon enjoining their attendance; which reasons were accepted.

The Bishop, from "the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," reports, that the following missionaries are at present employed in this Diocese:

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, in Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. William A. Clark, in Onondaga county, and the adjacent counties; the Rev. James Thompson, in Delaware and Greene counties; the Rev. William B. Lacey, principally in Chenango county; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Unadilla, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, in Ontario county, and the adjacent counties; the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, in Onondaga and Cortlandt counties, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Daniel Nash is engaged, part of his time, as a missionary; and Mr. Eleazar Williams as a catechist and lay reader among the Indians.

The Bishop stated to the Convention the substance of the reports of the missionaries made to him, as follows:

The Rev. Mr. Fuller, missionary at Rensselaerville, and parts adjacent, in his letter to the Bishop, reports, that he has officiated the year past, two-thirds of the time in Rensselaerville, and one-third in Durham; except one Sunday in Windham, one in Greenville, and one in Athens and Catskill. The Church at Rensselaerville is completed; and it is the wish of the Vestry, that it may be consecrated as soon as conveniently may be. There has been some special attention to religion; and five young persons have received baptism, and seven have been added to the communion. The house for worship has been built by contract, for 2,900 dollars; but the subscriptions amount to little more than 2,000 dollars, and not even that sum will ever be collected. Three or four men, however, stand responsible for the deficiency, which, probably, they must pay.

* In enumerating the Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, in the above Address, there is an inadvertent omission of the "Auxiliary Bible, and Common Prayer Book Society of the Western District."

In raising up the Episcopal Society in Rensselaerville, he states, that they have had to struggle against prejudices, and poverty, and the reviling of its enemies; they had flattered themselves, however, that these difficulties were principally surmounted; and, as matters now are, every exertion in their power will be made for its preservation and prosperity. The late additions to the Communion, though small, have contributed to revive the drooping spirits of the friends of Zion, and the attachment to the Church generally; and a trust in the ultimate enlargement and success of that particular part of it, is evidently increasing.

He has attended funerals, and the festivals and fasts of the Church, and other fasts, besides some other meetings on week days. He has administered the Communion regularly, and catechised the children. The whole number of baptisms is five adults, and five children.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Manlius, and parts adjacent, in his letter to the Bishop, reports, that most of his services have been given to the village of Manlius and its vicinity. Besides performing Divine service on Sundays, by preaching on other days, and by lecturing both publicly and privately, from house to house, no pains have been spared to impress the people with a sense of the importance of the things which belong to their eternal peace, a knowledge of the Church, and the way of salvation.

The number of communicants in Christ Church, Manlius, is at present more than sixty, with a fair prospect, in a short time, of more than a hundred, by the ordinary blessing of Almighty God. The village contains upwards of one hundred families, of whom the greater part make the welfare of the Church a matter of common interest.

Besides attention to this place, he has occasionally performed Divine service in Lenox, Madison county; Pompey, Tully, and Preble, Cortlandt county; and in the latter place, in March last, organized a church, by the name of St. Paul's Church, Tully and Preble. In September, he administered the Holy Communion to twelve persons, and thinks, from the Christian disposition of many more, that shortly the communicants of that Church may be numerous; the number of families who have attached themselves to it, are not less than fifty.

In Lenox a society will be organized within the present month; and in many other places, of Onondaga, Madison, and Cortlandt counties, Episcopalians are sufficiently numerous to form societies. He thinks it of the utmost importance, that there should be an assistant missionary for this part of the country;* or that the Rev.

* The Rev. Mr. Gear is appointed for this purpose.

Mr. Gear, may be permitted to continue his labours in conjunction with his own.

The church in the village of Eaton requires attention—the place is important. Skaneateles, too, is an important place.

With these places, taking Paris into the account, which ought not to be forgotten, together with Onondaga, Pompey, and Cazenovia, there are, or shortly will be formed, seven or eight churches, which must afford abundant employment for both Mr. Gear and himself.

He expresses the hope, that, by God's grace and blessing, they will be able to give a good account of the future growth and prosperity of the Church in this quarter.

In the course of this year he has administered the ordinance of Baptism to seventy-two persons; adults 16, infants 56—72; marriages, 3; deaths, 2.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Delaware and Greene counties, in his letter to the Bishop, reports, that he has officiated at Stamford and Harpersfield one-half of the time, one-quarter at Greenville, and one-quarter at Windham and Lexington. It is supposed double the number of people attend Church at Stamford this year. Finishing the church has been of great advantage to that congregation; seriousness and attention to religion, with fervour of devotion, have generally prevailed in the congregation; thirteen more have been added to the Communion this year; several others have been awakened to a sense of their duty, and, he trusts, will soon be prepared publicly to profess their faith in CHRIST, by coming to the Communion.

He has spent much time in religious visits with the people, and has laid before them the necessity of evangelical repentance, and a living faith in the Son of God, and the fruits of faith. He has done the same at Greenville, Windham, and Lexington. At Windham, the latter part of August, there was an awakened attention to religion; several, he trusts, will be added to the Communion; previous to this, three were added to the Communion. The old professors of religion feel more zeal and love for the Church, and have resolved to build a church; and subscriptions are opened to raise money for that purpose, and a considerable sum has been subscribed. At Greenville, also, there are some in that congregation under serious impressions; but two have been added to the Communion this year; but, he trusts, that, through the influence of the HOLY SPIRIT, others will soon be prepared.

He has preached frequently three times on Sunday, has preached 25 lectures, baptised 25 children and infants, and one adult;

catechised many children, preached the missionary sermon in his congregations.

He has been more laborious this year in his ministerial duties than the last, by reason of the increased attention to religion. The Church is increasing in this part of the Diocese. Common Prayer Books, religious Tracts, &c., are much wanted. Many Common Prayer Books have been bought this year. He observes, that good Churchmen cannot be made without Prayer Books.

St. Peter's Church, Stamford. Communicants, 42 ; families, about 40 ; baptisms, infants 19, adult 1—20 ; marriages, 4 ; funeral, 1. One communicant died, and two removed.

Christ Church, Greenville. Communicants, 28 ; families, about 20.

Trinity Church, Windham. Communicants, 26 ; families, 33 ; funeral, (communicant,) 1.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, officiating Minister and Missionary, Butternuts, Unadilla, and parts adjacent, reports, that the congregation of Butternuts, for the year past, has grown in numbers, and, he would hope, in "grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST." The audience is numerous and respectable, and the church is usually crowded.

Communicants, about 70 ; baptisms, 15.

The congregation of Unadilla has increased the year past. Pious people appear to be animated and encouraged ; and the prospect of the growth of the Church in this place, to a very respectable number, is very flattering.

Communicants, 24 ; baptisms, 12.

He visited the church at Ochquaga Hills on the LORD's day, and on other days. This congregation, which has been distinguished for its "godly simplicity and zeal," is not declining in this evangelical spirit. They still rejoice in the extensive spread which the Church is now making through the means of clerical exertion.

Communicants, 22 ; baptisms, 4.

He visited, on the LORD's day, the Church at New Berlin. He was informed by the people, that as soon as the building which is now erecting should be completed, all the seats would probably be occupied. The labours of the Rev. Mr. Lacey, who gives them regular service, are highly useful to them.

He visited on the LORD's day, and on other days, Episcopal families in Franklin. Sunday, March 5, 1815, he performed Divine service to a numerous auditory. The real friends of our Zion in this place usually attend Church at Unadilla.

He has made a number of visits, on "missionary duty," in

Coventry, Chenango county. November 30, 1814, a church was organized under his direction.

The number of families, were 17 ; baptisms, 12.

In this place he was received with true gratitude. The Episcopalians were animated at the event of organization. The prospect of doing good here is great. The friends of the Church are emigrants from congregations in Connecticut. They only want quickening, and strengthening, and warning, not to dishonour the Catholic faith.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario county, and parts adjacent, reports—That since the date of his last report, he has spent his time, as before, in visiting the several churches, as he thought expedient. He has spent eight Sundays at Canandaigua, nine at Richmond (formerly Honeyoye), seven at Victor, four at Clifton Springs, six at Avon, three at Batavia, two at Sheldon, four at Pulteneyville, and one at Catharine Town. He exchanged with the Rev. Orin Clark, who has performed Divine service for him, three Sundays at Canandaigua, one at Clifton Springs, and once at Pulteneyville. One Sunday also, he was detained at Manlius by the badness of the roads, when on a visit to that place, to attend a meeting of the “Auxiliary Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of the Western District.” Besides performing Divine service on Sundays and holy-days, he has given a large number of lectures at the different places.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 37—45.

The number of churches is rapidly increasing ; many more might be organized within a short time, had we missionaries to supply them.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop, that since last Convention he has performed Divine service four Sundays in St. Paul's Church, Paris ; four Sundays in St. Luke's Church, Richfield ; two Sundays in Trinity Church, Eaton ; one Sunday in Lebanon ; twenty-five Sundays in St. Paul's Church, Oxford ; one Sunday in St. Luke's Church, Windsor ; thirteen Sundays in St. Andrew's Church, New Berlin ; one Sunday in Binghamton, and one in Norwich. Besides officiating at the stated times in the churches in Oxford and New Berlin on the LORD's day, he has given lectures on Sunday evenings, at different places in the exterior of those towns ; and has performed service, on week days, in Sangerfield, Lisle, Windsor, Coventry, Norwich, Preston, and Columbus ; has attended ten funerals, and administered baptism to four adults, and twenty children.

In the places he has visited, the prospects of the Church are encouraging: the congregations are large and attentive; and nothing seems wanting, under the Divine blessing, to attach them truly to our doctrine and method of worship but the regular ministrations of an active and pious ministry. Two church edifices have been recently erected in the villages of Oxford and New Berlin; the exterior of both is nearly finished, and their interior will probably be completed next summer.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, Missionary in Onondaga county, and the counties adjacent, writes to the Bishop, that, before he came into this part of the Diocese, in August last, he visited, according to directions, the Rev. Mr. Jewett, and performed Divine service one Sunday at Granville; one at Ticonderoga, in Essex county; one at Sandy Hill; and that one Sunday he exchanged with Mr. Jewett, who officiated for him at Granville; and likewise, that he assisted Mr. Jewett in laying the corner stone of a new church in Granville.

He has preached several lectures on week days, since he entered upon the duties of a missionary. Since then, he has performed Divine service, one Sunday at Tully, one at Eaton, one at Skaneateles, one at Lenox; and has exchanged with the Rev. Mr. O. Clark, one Sunday, who officiated for him at Tully.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, which were presented and read; and, as required by said canon, inserted on the Journals.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, and North Hempstead; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Marriages, 51; baptisms, 17; burials, 20; communicants, about 120.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants 21—24; communicants, removed and deceased 15, added since last report 22,—present number, 129; marriages, 9; funerals, adults 10, infants 11—21.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle; the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, 9; marriages, 4; funerals, 4; communicants, 20.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county; the Rev. Orin Clark, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants, 15—18; funerals, 5; communicants, 30.

St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; the Rev. David Moore, officiating Minister.—Families, 320; funerals, 28; marriages, 14; baptisms, 44; communicants, 260.

St. Stephen's Church, New York; the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Communicants, 378; baptisms, adults 12, children 109—121; marriages, 37.

Caroline Church, Brookhaven; the Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector.—Marriages, 4; funerals, 10; communicants, 8.

St. John's Church, Yonkers; the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector.*—Baptisms, adults 3, children 16—19; communicants, 59; marriages, 7; burials, 9.

I have visited the churches of Bedford and Salem once.

St. Peter's Church, Auburn, Cayuga county; Rev. Daniel M'Donald.*—On the first Sunday after Easter, 1814, I commenced my ministerial labours in the parish of St. Peter's, Aurelius. One-fourth part of my time was dedicated to Skaneateles, until the end of that year. During the current year, I have been employed in St. Peter's Church, Auburn, as a settled clergyman, having received from the Vestry, an invitation to be instituted rector.

On the 2d Sunday of Lent, I officiated at Canandaigua. On the 15th after Trinity of the present year, I held church on the Indian Fields, Genoa.

On the 4th of September, I organized a church, by the name of "St. Andrew's," on the Indian Fields, Genoa, with the prospect of a flourishing parish. The number of families now attached to that church, is from fifteen to twenty, with a fair prospect of additions, whenever they can have the ministrations of the Church.

Families, 40; communicants, 30. Baptisms: Skaneateles, infants, 3; Aurelius, infants 13, adults 2, 15; Genoa, infants 8, adults 2, 10;—28. Marriages, 4; funerals, 10.

I have the pleasure of being able to state, that the parish of St. Peter's is increasing in numbers.

Christ Church, Hudson; the Rev. G. T. Bedell, Deacon, officiating Minister.—He began his services in this church last spring; since when there have been—baptisms, 4; funerals, 2; communicants, 25.

* This report was sent to the Convention.

St. Paul's Church, Charlton; the Rev. David Huntington, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 16—18; marriages, 4; deaths, 7; there has been, since the last Convention, an accession to the number of communicants, which, at present, is about 40; families, 50.

I have performed Divine service in the vacant churches at Stillwater and Duaneburgh.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park; the Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 9, children 23—32; deaths, adults 4, children 6—10; communicants, 53.

St. James' Church, Newtown; the Rev. E. M. Johnson, Deacon, officiating Minister.—Communicants, 38; baptisms, adults 23, infants 9—32; funerals, 3; marriages, 9.

Parish of Trinity Church, containing Trinity Church, and St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapels, New York; the Right Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D., Assistant Rector.—Baptisms, 170; marriages, 53; burials, 535; communicants, about 700.

Grace Church, New York; the Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 24; marriages, 12; communicants, 150.

There is no register of burials at this church, there being no cemetery attached or belonging to it.

St. George's Church, New York; the Rev. John Kewley, M. D., Rector.—Marriages, 21; funerals, 16; baptisms, 21.

St. Paul's Church, Troy; the Rev. David Butler, Rector.*—Baptisms, infants 42, adults 10—52; marriages, 8; burials, 18; communicants, 78; deaths, 7.

I have performed Divine service in the church at Stillwater, where I baptised one infant, and administered the Holy Communion to 12 persons.

Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill; the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms, 44; marriages, 12; funerals, 14; communicants, 62.

St. Andrew's Church, Orange county; the Rev. William Powell, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, 7; communicants, 46; marriages, 4; funerals, 5.

St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; the Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector.—Communicants, between 70 and 80; baptisms, 24.

* This report was sent to the Convention.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, and Grace Church, Waterford; the Rev. Parker Adams, Rector.*—Baptisms, 12; marriages, 5; funerals, 9; communicants, 39.

I have performed Divine service one Sunday at Stillwater, and one at Sandy Hill.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; the Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Families, about 100; communicants, 120; baptisms, 30; marriages, 11.

Christ Church, Rye; the Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Communicants, 55; baptisms, 14; deaths, 11; marriages, 17.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, and St. Paul's Church, East Chester; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 14; marriage, 1; deaths, 3; communicants, 60.

St. George's Church, Flushing; the Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 15; marriages, 7; burials, 9; communicants, additions 8; deaths and removals, 13.

St. John's Church, Johnstown; the Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector.—He commenced his ministerial labours in this church on Sunday, April 12, 1815; since which time there have been—baptisms, 15; funerals, 4; communicants, 15.

St. George's Church, Schenectady; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, 47; marriages, 26; funerals, 10; communicants, 64.

I have performed Divine service at Duanesburgh, and baptised four children.

Trinity Church, Utica; the Rev. A. G. Baldwin, Rector.—Baptisms, children 29, adults 2—31; communicants, 55; marriages, 10.

The congregation and communicants have considerably increased within a year and a half. I have, during the last summer, performed a third service on Sunday evenings, in Deerfield, two miles from Utica, where there has been a pretty good attendance. I expect to continue this arrangement.

St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 9, infants 95—104; marriages, 19; communicants, about 120.

I have performed Divine service in the church at Duanesburgh agreeably to appointment, and administered the Holy Sacrament to about 15 persons, and baptised three infants.

* This report was sent to the Convention.

Grace Church, Jamaica; the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants 11—14; marriages, 4; funerals, 5; communicants, about 34.

St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and *St. James' Church, Milton*; the Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants 48—51; increase of communicants, 4; marriages, 6; funerals, 13.

St. James' Church, Goshen; the Rev. William Powell, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, infants 5, adults 2—7; communicants, 12; marriages, 2; funerals, 2.

The Rev. Adam Empie, Chaplain in the Military Academy, West Point, reports,—That in compliance with the appointments made at the last Convention, he has performed Divine service, and preached, two Sundays at Philipstown, and two Sundays at Peekskill; in each of which places he administered the Holy Communion; of the advantages of which, they had, for more than two years, been deprived.

Christ Church, Hampton; the Rev. Stephen Jewett, officiating Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 13—15; funerals, 7.

In the vicinity of Hampton. Baptisms, adult 1, children 9—10; funerals, 4; marriages, in Hampton and vicinity, 7.

Since my last return, six communicants have died, and six have removed. Our present number in this town is 50; to which may be added, between 20 and 30 more, from neighbouring towns. An increasing attention to religion is discernible in this parish.

In Granville and its vicinity. Baptisms, adults 8, children 13—21; funerals, 5; marriages, 3.

The number of communicants who consider themselves as belonging to this Society, is about 40, and more than half of whom live in the town adjoining Granville.

The Society in Granville has been organized but a few months. A handsome church edifice is building, and will, if no accident prevent, be ready for consecration early next spring.

It is but justice to observe, that the contributions for building this church have been liberal, almost beyond a parallel.

In this parish, primitive truth, and practical piety, seem to be making, if not rapid, at least permanent advances.

Christ Church, New York; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Marriages, 37; baptisms, 95; communicants, 225.

The united Parishes of St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, and St. James', Hamilton Square, New York; the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector.—*St. Michael's, Bloomingdale.* Baptisms, 5; burial, 1; marriages, 4; communicants, 30.

St. James', Hamilton Square. Baptisms, 4; communicants, not included in the parochial reports of other churches, 10.

Collection for the Bishop's Fund in the two churches, \$47 19. Collection for the Missionary Fund in the two churches, \$63 21; from the young ladies of Mrs. Brenton's school, since the collection, \$30—\$93 21.

Since the last report a school has been established at Bloomingdale, in which several poor children are educated at the expense of the parish. A school has also been recently established in the neighbourhood of St. James' Church, for the instruction of blacks; and upwards of thirty, most of whom are adults, are already enjoying the advantages it affords.

While the parish of St. Michael's has received an accession of several new members, it has been deprived by death and removal of about an equal number. The parish of St. James', on the other hand, has been constantly increasing in numbers, and is at present in a very flourishing condition.

The Bishop stated to the Convention, that in the churches at Bedford and South Salem, Mr Weller is licensed as a lay reader, and has made to him the following report of the state of the congregations:

Bedford. The present number of communicants is twenty-four, of which, eight were added within the past year. Baptisms by sundry clergymen, the year past, twenty-eight; of which nine were adults.

South Salem. The present number of communicants is ten, of which three were added within the past year. Baptisms within the past year, seven, of which one was an adult.

This congregation is small, say 14 or 15 families, and cannot be said to have increased much within the year past.

The following report of the Treasurer of the Convention, stating the amount of the Episcopal Fund,* was read:

"The Treasurer to this Convention, respectfully submits the following report, *viz.* :

"That he has at present out at interest, on bonds and mortgages, belonging to the Episcopal Fund in the State of New York, the

* The Episcopal Fund, which is formed of the annual collections for the purpose in the congregations, is to be permitted to accumulate, without diminution, until the annual profits of the fund become adequate to the support of a Bishop.

sum of twelve thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars sixteen cents; and that there is outstanding for interest, thirty-eight dollars fifty cents; and cash in his hands, the sum of four hundred and ninety-seven dollars and thirty-three cents; making in the whole together twelve thousand six hundred and sixty dollars and ninety-nine cents.

“GERRIT H. VAN WAGENEN, *Treasurer*.

“NEW YORK, October 2d, 1815.”

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Treasurer for his faithful services.

Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen was re-elected, the Treasurer of the Convention.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Deputies to the General Convention :

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., the Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., the Rev. David Butler, the Rev. John Kewley, M. D.; the Hon. Rufus King, the Hon. Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Mr. William Ogden, Dr. John Onderdonk.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee :

The Rev. John Bowden, D. D., the Rev. William Harris, D. D., the Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., the Rev. Thomas Lyell; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. Matthew Clarkson, Mr. William Ogden, Robert Troup, Esq.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York; of which Committee the Bishop is President *ex-officio* :

The Rev. John Bowden, D. D., the Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., the Rev. Ralph Williston; Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Dr. John Onderdonk, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq.

The following proposed amendment to the first article of the Constitution, changing the time of meeting of the Convention, was agreed to, and, agreeably to the 8th article of the Constitution, must be also adopted at the next Convention before it is valid.

Article 1. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, on the third Tuesday in October in each year, &c. &c.

On motion,

Resolved, That in future the names of the Clergy by whom sermons shall be preached for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, and the amount of the collections respectively, shall be published in the Journals of the Convention.

Agreeably to the canon of the Church in this State, providing for the supply of vacant parishes, the Bishop appointed the following Clergy to supply the vacant congregations annexed to their names respectively, at such times as they may deem most convenient and proper :

The Rev. Mr. Seabury, the Rev. Mr. Hart, and the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, Huntington and Islip.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper, the Rev. Mr. Haskell, and the Rev. Mr. M'Vickar, Bedford, Salem, and Patterson.

The Rev. Mr. Jarvis, Bedford.

The Rev. Mr. Empie, and the Rev. Mr. Brown, Peekskill and Phillipstown.

The Rev. Mr. Powell, and the Rev. Mr. Brown, Newburgh and New Windsor.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, Peekskill, Phillipstown, and Patterson.

The Rev. Mr. Prentiss, Stillwater.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the Rev. Mr. Clowes, the Rev. Mr. Huntington, and the Rev. Mr. Perry, Duanesburgh.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, and the Rev. Mr. Adams, Stillwater and Sandy Hill.

The Rev. Mr. Jewett, Sandy Hill.

The other congregations which have not settled Clergymen, are supplied by missionaries.

The Convention adjourned.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Assistant Bishop of the P. E. Church in the State of New York, and President of the Convention.

Attested,

THOMAS LYELL, *Secretary*.

THIRTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

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THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On the 1st, 2d, and 3d days of October, A. D. 1816.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of New York.

The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county.

The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Brown, Minister of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island.

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. William Creighton, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. Adam Empie, Chaplain, and Professor in the United States Military Academy, West Point.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, at Rensselaerville, Albany county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. David Huntington, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York.

The Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Missionary at Auburn, Cayuga county.

The Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.

The Rev. James Milnor, Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary, and Rector of the churches in Otsego county.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of St. James' Church, Milton, and Christ Church, Ballstown, Saratoga county.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, Greene county.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Brookhaven, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Long Island.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary, in Greene and Delaware counties.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario and adjacent counties.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The following Clergy, not regularly entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York, and Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey, New Jersey.

The Rev. Henry Moscrop, residing in New York.

The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Minister of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York.

The Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Deacon, Minister at Turin, Lewis county.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island.

The Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. Joseph Willard, residing in New York.

The Rev. Roger Searle, of Connecticut.

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, of New Jersey.

The Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Deacon, of New Jersey.

LAY DELEGATES.

Albany county.

Albany, St. Peter's Church, James Gibbons, John Van Ness Yates, John Meads, James Gourlay, Thomas W. Ford.

Rensselaerville, Trinity Church, Ephraim R. Russ.

Columbia county.

Hudson, Christ Church, William E. Norman, James Fleming.

Dutchess county.

Fishkill, Trinity Church, Daniel C. Verplanck, Abraham Mesier.

Hyde Park, St. James' Church, Samuel Bard.

Poughkeepsie, Christ Church, James Emott, William Davies,
R. S. Street, John L. Fonda.

Greene county.

Cattskill, St. Luke's Church, Henry Ashley.

King's county.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church, Joshua Sands, John H. Moore.

New York county.

New York, Trinity Church, Nehemiah Rogers.

New York, Christ Church, George Dominick, James Jarvis,
Richard Townsend, Floyd Smith.

New York, St. Mark's Church, William Ogden, Edward Lyde,
Clement C. Moore.

New York, French Church Du St. Esprit, William Johnson,
Jacob Schieffelin.

New York, St. Stephen's Church, Daniel Mersereau, Eliud
Davis, John Drake.

New York, St. Michael's Church, Isaac Jones, Valentine Nutter.

New York, Grace Church, Wright Post, John Slidell, David
B. Ogden.

New York, St. James' Church, Peter Schermerhorn, Martin
Hoffman.

New York, St. George's Church, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen,
James D. L. Walton, Isaac Carow.

Orange county.

Newburgh, St. George's Church, Joseph Hoffman.

Otsego county.

Butternutts, Harmony Church, Jacob Morris.

Queen's county.

Flushing, St. George's Church, Thomas Marston.

Hempstead, St. George's Church, George Hewlett.

Jamaica, Grace Church, Daniel Kissam, Andrew Napier.

Newtown, St. James' Church, Nathaniel Moore, Isaac Bregau,
John Alsop.

Rensselaer county.

Troy, St. Paul's Church, — Warren.

Suffolk county.

Islip, St. John's Church, John T. Champlin.

West Chester county.

Bedford and Northcastle, William Jay.

New Rochelle, Trinity Church, Anthony Norraway.

North Salem, St. James' Church, Joshua Purdy.

Rye, Christ Church, Thomas I. Delancey, Peter J. Munro.

West Chester, St. Peter's Church, Abijah Hammond.

Yonkers, St. John's, Church, Henry White, John Bowne.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were not present during this session :

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county.

The Rev. Virgil H. Barber, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. Thomas Brownell, Missionary, and Professor in Union College, Schenectady.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county, and Missionary in parts adjacent.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and the counties adjacent.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, Missionary in Onondaga county, and counties adjacent.

The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary in Washington county.

The Rev. Samuel Johnston Deacon, Missionary.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Missionary at Canandaigua Ontario county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. George Weller, Deacon, Missionary in West Chester county.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1816.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the same, and the city of New York having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting, the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and several of the

Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; and a sermon, adapted to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop.

After the religious services, the Convention assembled, and a list of the Clergy being called over, agreeably to the second canon of this Church, of 1803, the following Clergy answered to their names, and took their seats, *viz.* :

The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson; Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College, New York; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. John Brown, Minister of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island; Rev. Abiel Carter, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, New York; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. William Creighton, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Grace Church, New York; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary at Rensselaerville, Albany county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent; Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. David Huntington, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York; Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Missionary at Auburn, Cayuga county; Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; Rev. James Milnor, Rector of St. George's Church, New York; Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego county, and Rector of the churches in the same; Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rec-

tor of St. James' Church, Milton, and Christ Church, Ballstown, Saratoga county; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county; Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Brookhaven, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Long Island; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties; Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county; Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates were read and approved, and the following took their seats:

From St. Peter's Church, Albany, James Gibbons, John Van Ness Yates, John Meads, James Gourlay, Thomas W. Ford; from Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county, Ephraim B. Russ; from Christ Church, Hudson, William E. Norman, James Fleming; from Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, Daniel C. Verplanck, Abraham Mesier; from St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, Samuel Bard; from Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, James Emott, William Davies, R. S. Street, John L. Fonda; from St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county, Henry Ashley; from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island, Joshua Sands, John H. Moore; from Trinity Church, New York, Nehemiah Rogers; from Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, James Jarvis, Richard Townsend, Floyd Smith; from St. Mark's Church, Bowery, New York, William Ogden, Edward Lyde, Clement C. Moore; from the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, William Johnson, Jacob Schieffelin; from St. Stephen's Church, New York, Daniel Mersereau, Eliud Davis; from St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York, Isaac Jones; from Grace Church, New York, Wright Post, John Slidell, David B. Ogden; from St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York, Peter Schermerhorn; from St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, James D. L. Walton; from St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county, Joseph Hoffman; from Harmony Church, Butternutts, Otsego county, Jacob Morris; from St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island, Thomas Marston; from St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island, George Hewlett; from Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island, Daniel Kissam, Andrew Napier; from St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island, Nathaniel Moore, Isaac Bregau, John Alsop; from St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county,

— Warren; from St. John's Church, Islip, Long Island John T. Champlin; from the Church at Bedford and Northcastle, West Chester county, William Jay; from St. James' Church, North Salem, West Chester county, Joshua Purdy; from Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county, Thomas I. Delancey; from St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county, Henry White, John Bowne.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, the late Secretary of the Convention, declined a re-election to that office.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Lyell, for his services as Secretary.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk was elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not regularly entitled to seats in this Convention, be admitted to the sittings thereof.

Agreeably to the foregoing resolution, the following Clergy took their seats:

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, New York; Rev. Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York, and Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey, New Jersey; Rev. Ravaud Kearney, Deacon, New York; Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Minister of the French Church, Du St. Esprit, New York; Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county; Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Deacon, Minister at Turin, Lewis county; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island; Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, New York; Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Deacon, New York; Rev. Joseph Willard, New York; Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, of New Jersey.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2D.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary.

The Convention then came to order.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared, and took their seats:

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county; Rev. Adam Empie, Chaplain, and Professor in the United States Military Academy, West Point; Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario and adjacent counties; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D.D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

Valentine Nutter, a Lay Delegate from St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York; Isaac Carow, a Lay Delegate from St. George's Church, New York; John Drake, a Lay Delegate from St. Stephen's Church, New York; Peter J. Munro, a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; Abijah Hammond, Lay Delegate from St. Peter's Church, West Chester; and Anthony Norrøway, Lay Delegate from Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county, appeared, and having produced satisfactory testimonials of their respective appointments, took their seats.

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, admitting ministers of this Church, not regularly entitled to seats, to the sittings of the Convention, the Rev. Henry Moscrop, of New York, and the Rev. Roger Searle, of Connecticut, took their seats.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read, and approved.

Certificates were read, of the incorporation of St. Andrew's Church, Genoa, Cayuga county; Zion Church, Onondaga, Onondaga county; St. Stephen's Church, Smithfield, Madison county; and St. Paul's Church, Durham, Greene county; and said churches were severally received into union with this Convention.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following address:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

I proceed to lay before you a statement of the affairs in this Diocese since the last annual Convention; and of its present situation.

Holy Orders have been conferred on the following persons:—The order of Deacons, on Charles W. Hamilton; Henri L. P. Pénéveyre, from the Protestant Church of Lucerne, Switzerland; Thomas C. Brownell, Professor in Union College; Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D.; Ravaud Kearny; Petrus S. Ten

Broeck; George Weller; James F. Hull, of New Orleans; Samuel Johnston; Joshua M. Rogers; Hugh Smith; and Henry Anthon: and Priests' orders, on the following Deacons,—John Brown, William B. Lacey, Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Henry U. Onderdonk, John P. K. Henshaw, James F. Hull, and Thomas C. Brownell.

Of the above, the Rev. Mr. Hamilton is employed as a Missionary in Washington and Essex counties; the Rev. Mr. Péneveyre officiates in the French Church Du St. Esprit, in the city of New York; the Rev. Professor Brownell performs service occasionally in Union College, and acts also as a Missionary in the vacant congregations in the vicinity of Schenectady; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk is employed as a Missionary at Canandaigua and parts adjacent; the Rev. George Weller performs missionary duties in West Chester and Putnam counties; the Rev. Samuel Johnston, in Batavia and parts adjacent; the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, at Turin and parts adjacent; the Rev. John Brown has removed from Fishkill, and is appointed Rector of St. George's Church at Newburgh; the Rev. Mr. Lacey is the Missionary at Oxford and other places in Chenango county; the Rev. Mr. Henshaw was instituted in July last, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn; and the Rev. Mr. Hull has returned to New Orleans, to take charge of Christ Church in that city. The congregation of which Mr. Hull has the charge, have, I am informed, erected a building for worship, which does great credit to their taste and munificence. The prospect of establishing a Protestant Episcopal congregation at New Orleans, must excite the lively interest of the friends of the Church; as this event may lead to the formation of congregations in other parts of that territory.

The Rev. Mr. Powell has removed from Goshen, and officiates at the parish of St. John's, Yonkers.

Previously to the last Convention, the Rev. George Boyd removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Parker Adams was instituted Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, and Grace Church, Waterford; and the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill.

On the second Sunday of last month I visited St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, and instituted the Rev. David Moore Rector thereof; and on Monday last, I instituted the Rev. James Milnor, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Rector of St. George's Church, in the city of New York. The Rev. John Kewley, M. D., formerly Rector of that church, has removed to Europe; and the Rev. John Brady, formerly Assistant Minister of the same, has removed to another Diocese.

In noticing the changes in the Diocese since our last meeting, you have probably anticipated my recording the decease of its late Diocesan, the Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D. The remembrance of his talents and his learning, his insinuating eloquence, his faithful labours, and his exemplary piety and virtues, will long be cherished by us, and by the Diocese, with affectionate veneration.

I must also record the decease of one of the oldest presbyters in the State,

the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers; where he had, for many years, faithfully exercised his ministry. My Brethren of the Clergy, there can be no motive more powerful to animate us in our labours, and to console us under our trials, than the prospect of those glorious rewards which our divine Master hath promised to bestow on us if we zealously and faithfully discharge the sacred duties of that ministry which He hath committed to us.

In consequence of the vacancy in the office of Rector of Trinity Church, New York, by the decease of Bishop Moore, that office is now filled by me: and the Rev. Dr. How has been appointed Assistant Rector.

In the month of November last, I visited the congregation at Rensselaerville, and consecrated Trinity Church. This is a congregation which has been raised within a few years, by the prudent and assiduous labours of the Rev. Samuel Fuller, one of our Missionaries. The building has been erected entirely by private beneficence, and is neat and convenient. On the following day, I held an ordination, and administered Confirmation to 20 persons.

In the same month, I visited the congregations of Philipstown and Peekskill.

In the month of November, I attended at Philadelphia, and united with the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, and the Right Rev. Bishop Kemp, of Maryland, in the gratifying duty of consecrating to the office of Bishop, the Rev. John Croes, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Church in New Jersey.

In the month of February, at the request of the Standing Committee of the Church in Connecticut, I visited that Diocese; administered Confirmation at the Church in Bridgeport, to 54 persons; at the Church in Cheshire, to 130 persons; and at the Church in New Haven, to 110 persons: and I experienced much gratification in consecrating an edifice erected in New Haven, which, for size and beauty of structure, stands among the first in our country.

In November last, St. George's Church, in this city, which had been destroyed by fire, was rebuilt, and consecrated.

Confirmation was administered, during the last winter, in the following churches in this city:—In Trinity Church, to 116 persons; in St. Paul's Chapel, to 124; in St. John's Chapel, to 116; in Grace Church, to 60; in St. George's Church, to about 70; in Christ Church, to about 100; in St. Stephen's, to about 113; in the Church Du St. Esprit, to 42 persons, principally of the congregation of Zion Church, who worship in the afternoon in that church; their own church, which was destroyed by fire, not being yet rebuilt. Confirmation has also been administered in St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery.

I have administered Confirmation at Bedford, West Chester county, to 20 persons; and at Trinity Church, New Rochelle; and visited the congregations at East Chester and North Salem. At the latter place I consecrated the church, by the name of St. James' Church. When in that part of the State, at the request of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Connecticut, I visited the church at Ridgefield, and administered Confirmation.

On the 20th of July, I consecrated a very neat and convenient brick edifice, by the name of Trinity Church, in the town of Granville, in Washington county, where a congregation has been formed, who have displayed unusual zeal and liberality in the erection of the church; and the following day, Confirmation was administered to 29 persons. In the same week, Confirmation was also administered at Hampton, Ticonderoga, and Sandy Hill; and on the Sunday following, at Troy, Lansingburgh and Waterford. In St. Paul's Church, Troy, 78 received Confirmation, principally young persons, many of whom, at the first opportunity, came to the Communion. I deem it of importance to state, that in this congregation, during a season of unusual religious excitement, its rector did not find it necessary to deviate in any degree from the forms of our Church; but by more frequency in the use of them, and by greater assiduity in his parochial duties and instructions, he was happily instrumental in increasing the piety of his flock. Confirmation was administered at Stillwater the day after my visitation at Troy; and the day following at St. George's Church, Schenectady, to 33 persons.

Newburgh, in Orange county, has been visited, and Confirmation administered to 37 persons; and in this place I was gratified with the great increase of the congregation, and with the prospect of a building for worship being soon erected. Coldenham and Goshen, in the same county, have also been visited, and Confirmation administered.

In the latter end of August and beginning of September, I visited Poughkeepsie; Red Hook, where there is a prospect of an Episcopal congregation being established; Durham, Windham, and Greeneville, Greene county; Cooperstown, Exeter, Richfield, Butternutts, and Unadilla, Otsego county; New Berlin, Oxford, and Coventry, Chenango county; Colesville, or Ochquaga Hills, and Binghampton, or Chenango Point, Broome county; in most of which places Confirmation was administered.

The whole number of persons confirmed in this Diocese since the last Convention, including those in the city, amount to about 1000.

In New Berlin and Oxford, two new churches were consecrated; the latter church in particular, is probably exceeded in neatness and beauty by no church in the Western District. The benefactions to it were unusually liberal, some of them amounting to 500 dollars. And in the case of the congregation at New Berlin, one individual, a farmer of the town, subscribed 800 dollars, and afterwards advanced two or three hundred dollars more. These instances of pious liberality ought to be recorded as worthy of imitation, and as an evidence that, in the new settlements, the people are disposed to exert themselves to procure the ordinances of religion. The congregations at New Berlin and Oxford, are much indebted for their establishment and prosperity to the exertions of the Rev. William B. Lacey, the Missionary in that quarter.

Several persons have been admitted candidates for Orders since the last Convention.

The rise and increasing prosperity of our Church in the new settlements and elsewhere, are owing very principally to missionary exertions. So con-

siderable is the present number of Missionaries, all of whom are usefully employed, that they cannot be supported, unless the contributions of congregations to the Missionary Fund be increased. These, during the present year, in some congregations, particularly in Trinity Church and its Chapels, in the city of New York, have been larger than usual; but the whole amount raised will not be adequate to the support of the Missionaries now engaged, and who cannot be discontinued without serious injury to the interests of the Church. There are many places also, where additional Missionaries would be exceedingly useful, did the funds admit of employing them.

By sending Clergy to the destitute congregations and new settlements in the State, and furnishing them with Bibles and Common Prayer Books for distribution, we shall make provision for extending evangelical truth, as set forth in its primitive purity in the institutions of our Church. An Auxiliary Bible and Common Prayer Book Society has been established, during the present year, in the city of New York, by young men, who have discovered the most laudable enterprise and zeal. They have procured a set of stereotype plates of the Book of Common Prayer, and thus rendered an essential service to the Church at large, by furnishing a cheap edition of this inestimable formula of faith and worship.

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, let us, in the spirit of mildness, but of zeal, be faithful to the principles of our Church, and diligent in promoting their diffusion; and, through God's blessing, we shall thus be instrumental in preserving the "faith as it was once delivered to the saints," and in promoting the *purity* and the *unity* of CHRIST's kingdom.

JOHN HENRY HOBART.

NEW YORK, October 2, 1816.

The Clergy who were absent from the last Convention, were called on for the reasons of their absence, which reasons were severally accepted.

The Bishop, from "the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," reported, that the following missionaries are at present employed in this Diocese:

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, in Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. William A. Clark, in Onondaga county, and the adjacent counties; the Rev. James Thompson, in Delaware and Greene counties; the Rev. William B. Lacey, principally in Chenango county; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Unadilla, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, in Ontario county, and the adjacent counties; the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, in Onondaga and Courtlandt counties, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Daniel Nash is engaged, part of his time, as a missionary; the Rev. Orin Clark, at Geneva, and other congregations in the Western District; the

Rev. Daniel Mc'Donald, at Auburn, and parts adjacent ; the Rev. Stephen Jewett, at Hampton and Granville, and parts adjacent ; the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, at the vacant congregations in Schenectady and Greene counties ; the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, at Sandy Hill, Ticonderoga, and parts adjacent ; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, at Canandaigua, and parts adjacent ; the Rev. George Weller, Deacon, in West Chester and Putnam counties ; the Rev. Samuel Johnston, Deacon, at Batavia, and parts adjacent ; the Rev. Joshua Moore Rogers, Deacon, at Turin, and parts adjacent ; the Rev. Charles Seabury, at Setauket, Islip, and Huntington, Long Island.

Mr. Eleazar Williams officiates as Catechist and School-master, with zeal and fidelity, and with considerable success, among the Oneida tribe of Indians ; and is making progress in preparing the Book of Common Prayer for publication in the language of the Indian tribes. The money collected for this purpose, remains in the hands of Mr. Van Wagenen, the Treasurer of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel.

The Bishop also laid before the Convention the following statement, containing the substance of the Reports of the Missionaries :

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary at Rensselaerville, and parts adjacent, in his letter to the Bishop, reports :—The year past, I have officiated at Rensselaerville two-thirds of the time, and at Durham one-third, until the first of June ; since which, I have officiated at Rensselaerville one-half of the time, and at Durham and Greeneville each one-fourth.

The convenient and neat little church at Rensselaerville, built by Mr. Russ, at the expense of a few individuals, and which was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, October 24, 1815, was occupied the first time after consecration, on Sunday, the 5th of November, following.

The worship is conducted with order and solemnity, and seven persons have been added to the communion. The whole number of communicants, in this church, is 30 ; and at Durham, about 20. The baptisms are, three adults, and seven children.

Collections for the Missionary Fund.—Rensselaerville, \$4 11 ; Durham, \$2 95.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary in Onondaga county, and the counties adjacent, writes to the Bishop, as follows :—In conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Gear, my attention for the year past has been directed to the societies in Manlius, Tully, Onondaga,

Skaneateles, and Smithfield. In the three last places, churches have been recently organized.

At Smithfield (called Lenox, in my last year's report) the numbers are small, but of the most worthy class, and promise a good foundation for a future superstructure.

In Onondaga, the numbers and the prospects of the Church may be judged of, from the fact, that nearly 4000 dollars are already raised by subscription, for the purpose of erecting a stone church, which will probably be carried into execution the ensuing year.

At Skaneateles, something more energetic than formerly has been done for the erection of a small church, and it is hoped will not prove unsuccessful. What will be done in Tully for this object, is uncertain; though the Society is numerous and increasing, and of its future permanence and growth we entertain the strongest expectation.

In Manlius, during the present year, the Church has had her usual increase. The number of communicants is now 70. Notwithstanding much opposition, the prospects of the Church are fair and promising.

The number I have baptised is about 30; marriages, 5, deaths, 3; number of communicants in the places named above, excepting Manlius, 40.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Delaware and Greene counties, writes to the Bishop in substance as follows:— Since I returned home from the last Convention, I have officiated one-half of my time at Stamford and Harpersfield, one-quarter at Greeneville, and one-quarter at Windham and Lexington; except one Sunday at Rensselaerville, and baptised five children; one Sunday at Athens and Catskill, and two in Connecticut. Two Sundays I was prevented from going to Stamford and Harpersfield by reason of the rain. I have frequently officiated three times on Sunday. On week days I have preached three lectures at Greeneville, eleven at Windham and Lexington, five at Stamford and Harpersfield. I commenced evening service at Stamford, on Sunday, the 10th of December last; and have continued it the greatest part of the time when I officiated there. On these occasions, instead of preaching a sermon, I sometimes read some of the most important Homilies of the Church; also some other important religious tract; then made some observations on the subject to the congregation.

A Divine blessing has attended my labours this year, amongst my scattered flocks; so far, that twenty-four persons have become living members of CHRIST's Church, and publicly professed their faith in CHRIST, by coming to the Communion. Sixteen persons have been added to the communion, in the church at Windham

and Lexington, and eight at Greeneville, *this year*. I find it very important to visit those frequently who are under serious impressions, and are anxiously inquiring what they shall do to be saved, to instruct them in the true doctrines of the Church; for this is the only time to make them sound Churchmen. Those impressions which are then made on their minds, are never eradicated; their minds are then cast in the mould of the Liturgy, and in our Articles of Faith.

I have baptised twenty-four children and infants, and one adult; and preached a sermon, according to the second canon of this Church, but made no collection for the Episcopal Fund. I have also preached a missionary sermon, and made a collection for the Missionary Fund,—at Windham, \$5 20; at Stamford, \$6 37; at Greeneville, \$6 43,—whole amount, \$18 00.

The one thing needful to prepare the soul for heaven, has been sought after by many of my hearers. The worship of the Church, at times, has been very solemn and impressive on the minds of the people. When sinners pass from death unto life, and are brought out of darkness into God's marvellous light, they then see the beauty, the harmony, the spirituality, and excellency of our worship, and worship God in spirit and in truth. This may truly be said to be the case with several of my hearers: they find the Common Prayer Book contains the words of eternal life, and is a directory to glory and happiness, exhibiting to the renewed mind, the distinguishing doctrines of the cross of CHRIST.

St. Peter's Church, Stamford. Communicants, 42; baptisms, 4; marriages, 2.

Trinity Church, Windham, &c. Communicants, 39; baptisms, 5; three communicants removed.

Christ Church, Greeneville. Communicants, 35; baptisms, infants 10, adult 1—11; marriages, 2; one communicant removed.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop, that, immediately after the Convention, he visited the State of Delaware, and performed Divine service, in the county of Sussex, four Sundays, and gave several lectures on week days. On his way home, he passed one Sunday in the city of New York, where he was ordained Priest, and preached twice. Since his return to Chenango county, he has performed service twenty-nine Sundays in St. Paul's Church, Oxford; fifteen Sundays in St. Andrew's Church, New Berlin; one Sunday in Colesville, Windsor, county of Broome; and one Sunday he passed in Oxford with the Bishop. Besides, he has attended eight funerals, given forty-one lectures on week days,

administered the Holy Communion twelve times, baptised sixteen adults and fifty-eight infants, and performed five marriages.

The congregations to whom he officiates, are flourishing.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, officiating Minister and Missionary at Butternutts, Unadilla, and parts adjacent, reports generally, that his labours for the year past, have proved successful to the promotion of religion and the extension of the Church. He has had the satisfaction of being the instrument of adding many pious persons to our communion, and such as a Christian minister may correctly hope "shall be saved." He has indeed witnessed in *experiment*, that much good is done to the souls of men, in the benevolent work of carrying the Book of Common Prayer to those who have it not. He remarks, that the gift of the Holy Bible is *truly incomparable*; but the bestowment of a volume embracing the doctrine of the Reformation in the Thirty-nine Articles, a view of the Protestant Episcopacy, the rites and sacraments of the Church, and the order of her worship, has proved a source of instruction, and a mean of conviction and comfort to many within the limits of his mission.

The congregation of Butternutts is numerous and increasing. There appears the life and power of religion among the members of this communion. The services of the Church are performed with interest, devotion, and zeal: the doctrine of her Apostolic Ministry gains on the faith and the affection of the people.

Communicants, about 90; increase the last year, 20; baptisms, 20.

Two years ago, the church at Unadilla was in its infantine state, and only known on the books of the Convention as organized. It is now increased to a very considerable congregation. A spirit of real piety distinguishes the performance of our worship. For some months past, there has been an *increased* attention to the subject of religion and the service of the Church; young people are awakened from the sleep of delusion, to a sense of the danger of "living without God in the world."

There will be added to the Holy Communion, at the next celebration, about twenty persons.

Communicants, 28; baptisms, 12.

He has visited, on the Lord's day and other days, the churches at Windsor, Broome county; at Coventry, Chenango county; and the Church societies in Masonville and Franklin, in the county of Delaware. In all these places, the cause of religion and the interests of the Church are truly successful; the field is extensive, and the prospect of doing good in the vineyard of our Lord is animating.

Communicants in all these places, about 40; baptisms, 15.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario county, and the counties adjacent, writes to the Bishop, as follows:—Since my return to my missionary duties, I have performed Divine service at Canandaigua, and once have exchanged with the Rev. Orin Clark, who officiated in that place for me. At Richmond I have spent sixteen Sundays, at Batavia ten, at Avon six, at Victor one, at Pulteneyville four, at Catharine Town two, and at Sheldon three.

The churches in these several places are all of them increasing, and need only a little additional assistance from missionaries, to enable them to become highly respectable. The number of communicants has considerably increased since last year.

With respect to the churches at Canandaigua, Victor, and Clifton Springs, I can say nothing in particular. Since the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk at the former of these places, his services among them have been unwearied and most useful. Many more churches should be organized; and I earnestly hope that some plan will, at the present Convention, be adopted, by which this can be effected.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 31—38; marriages, 3; funerals, 5.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary in Onondaga and Courtlandt counties, and parts adjacent, reports, that he has performed Divine service eleven Sundays at Tully, ten Sundays at Eaton, nine Sundays at Skaneateles, eight Sundays at Onondaga, West Hill; three Sundays at Paris, two Sundays at Oswego Village, and one Sunday at Lenox. He has exchanged five Sundays with the Rev. William A. Clark, who preached and administered the Holy Communion, two Sundays at Skaneateles, and three Sundays at Tully. He has also exchanged one Sunday with the Rev. Daniel M'Donald, at Auburn, who preached and administered the Holy Communion at Skaneateles; and he has performed Divine service two Sundays at Geneva, for the Rev. Orin Clark, during his absence and ill health. Besides preaching on Sundays, and other holy days, he has given many lectures on week days, in various places. In his visits to Eaton, he has regularly performed Divine service in the Irish settlement in that neighbourhood, which consists of about twenty-five Protestant families, who belonged to the Church in Ireland. He trusts that, by the assistance of God, nothing has been wanting on his part to build up the Church "in the most holy faith." He is happy to say, that there appears to be an increased attention to religion, according to the usages of our Church. It is the intention of the people of Onondaga to erect a house next spring and summer, equal to any in the Western District, for Divine worship. The people of the village of Oswego are very anxious to have the

services of the Church among them : he has agreed to visit them one-eighth part of the time, the ensuing year. Oswego is a fine flourishing village, and is the county town ; and it is of the first importance that the Church be planted there—they do not have Divine service of any kind among them. The most influential men are attached to the Church, and they intend organizing themselves into a society soon. The distance between Paris and Oswego is more than ninety miles ; but if there is no other arrangement made for Paris, he states that he will not complain.

He has administered baptism to six adults, and forty-nine infants and children, making the whole number fifty-five. Marriages six.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector of the churches in Otsego county, and Missionary, reports, that, in addition to his parochial duties, he has twice visited Cherry Valley, and that part of Canajoharie, in Montgomery county, which lies on Baman's Creek ; at which place he performed Divine service, and administered the sacrament of Baptism ; that he has visited Paris, Oneida county, where he has administered the sacraments ; and that he has likewise taken a tour to Ogdensburgh and Hamilton Village, in the county of St. Lawrence. In Ogdensburgh, although never before visited by a clergyman, the responses were made in a very handsome manner, which rendered the service of the Church peculiarly impressive.

The number of baptisms in the county of St. Lawrence is, adults, 10 ; children, 21.

On his return from the county of St. Lawrence, he visited Cape Vincent, in Jefferson county, where he performed Divine service, and baptised two children.

The number of communicants in Christ Church, Cooperstown ; St. John's, Otsego ; and St. Luke's, Richfield ; is about 110.

The number of baptisms in those churches and their vicinity, for the two years past, is, adults, 3 ; children, 64.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Missionary at Geneva, and other congregations in the Western District, in his letter to the Bishop, reports, that, in addition to his ministrations in that village, during the past year, which, for a considerable part of it, have been but occasional and interrupted, he has performed Divine service, on Sunday, at Clifton Springs once, at Canandaigua twice, at Batavia once, and once at Pulteneyville.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 11—12 ; marriages, 6 ; funerals, 9 ; communicants in the congregation, Geneva, 30.

It has not been in his power either to visit the other vacant congregations in this quarter, or to give any more service to those

named, owing to sickness, with which it pleased Almighty God to afflict him during almost the whole of the last spring and summer. He was utterly unable, in the course of them, either to sustain the fatigue of missionary service, or to perform *any* public duty, except occasionally a *single* service in Geneva. Since his health has been so far restored (and it has been so only for four weeks) as to permit him to resume the regular discharge of clerical duty, sickness in his family, and in his parish, has rendered it, if not impossible, at least improper for him to be absent from them, even for a day. He preached a sermon, and made a collection for the benefit of the Missionary Fund, agreeably to the canon. The money collected was 29 dollars.

The Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Missionary at Auburn, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop the following state of the Church in his mission, and his ministerial labours during the last year: he has performed Divine service, at various times, at Manlius, Onondaga, Skaneateles, Fairfield, and at the Indian Fields, Genoa; the remaining time spent at Auburn.

Number of families in St. Peter's Parish, Auburn, 40; communicants, 30; funerals attended, 6; deaths in the parish, 1; baptisms, 24; marriages, 5.

It is with pleasure he states, that whenever he has been absent from Auburn, the church has been regularly opened every Sunday, and the Liturgy, with a sermon, read. The Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Genoa, have usually maintained the same laudable practice. The latter church needs only a greater supply of missionary labour, to rise to a very respectable standing in point of numbers.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary at Hampton, Granville, and parts adjacent, reports, that there have been,—baptisms, adults 6, infants 15—21; funerals, 7; marriages, 7.

Although they have lost, during the last year, by death and removal, ten of their communicants, yet the number is considerably larger than it was when he made his last return; and there is still a prospect of considerable additions, especially in the church at Granville.

During the past year, he has officiated at Sandy Hill and Ticonderoga. At the latter place, he assisted in the organization of an Episcopal congregation. At both places he has administered the LORD's Supper.

Number of communicants at Sandy Hill, about 30; Ticonderoga, 10.

The Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, Professor in Union College, and Missionary in the vacant congregations of Schenectady and Greene counties, writes to the Bishop as follows: since my ordination, I have (personally, and by exchange) supplied the vacant congregation at Stillwater four Sundays, the vacant congregation at Duaneburgh four Sundays, and the vacant congregation at Ballstown one Sunday. I have also preached one Sunday for the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of Johnstown, during his absence. Besides which, I have performed Divine service in the College Chapel about one-third part of the Sundays during the College session.

There are at present in this Institution nearly fifty Episcopal students. They enjoy the same toleration, and the same religious privileges as the other denominations; and, next to the Presbyterians, they are the most numerous. A very laudable degree of good order and good morals forms the general characteristic of the students; and you will be pleased to learn, that the Episcopal Theological Society continues to increase in numbers, and in the zeal of its members.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Missionary at Sandy Hill, Ticonderoga, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:—I received Missionary Letters on or about the 28th of October last. I officiated for three of four Sundays in the churches at Hudson and Athens. The first Sunday after my arrival in that part of the Diocese to which I was directed by the Bishop's letter, was passed in performing Divine service in the church at Hampton; after which, my services have been principally devoted to the congregations at Sandy Hill and Ticonderoga; occasionally at Whitehall, and other places adjacent. In the town of Kingsbury, which includes the village of Sandy Hill, I have performed Divine service fifteen Sundays, three at Whitehall, five at West Haven, seven at Ticonderoga, two at Granville Corner, and two at Hampton, by exchange with the Rev. Stephen Jewett, one at West Granville, one at Troy, one at Rutland, and one other in attendance upon the consecration of the church at Granville Corner. I spent three Sundays in June at Hudson and Athens. I have not, for the year past, been prevented, on any one Sunday, from the exercise of ministerial duties.

In the course of my mission, the following rites have been celebrated:

Marriages, 1; baptisms, at Kingsbury, adults 2, infants 5—7; at Ticonderoga, adults 3, infant 1—4; number of communicants, at Kingsbury, about 25; at Ticonderoga, 10; at the former place, an addition of 5; at the latter, of 7; lectures in various places.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Missionary at Canandaigua, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop:—The services of this mission were commenced on Sunday, the 14th of January last. The congregation at Canandaigua had been organized by the Rev. Orin Clark, and was very greatly indebted to the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Welton, in whose mission it was included; but as his services were only occasional, it had not full opportunity of increase. On making arrangements for regular public worship, the attendants became numerous. The corner-stone of a place of worship was laid on the 6th of May: it is now nearly completed, in very elegant taste, and will be ready for consecration early in December. There is reason to hope that we have also a spiritual blessing.

The congregations at Sulphur Springs, and at Victor, continue much attached to the Episcopal service and doctrines. There is a prospect of forming a new congregation in the west part of the town of Canandaigua, where a third service on Sunday has been lately commenced.

The services rendered will be seen from the following statement. There are included, two Sundays at Canandaigua, and one at Batavia, when the Rev. Mr. Berrian officiated, in exchange for my services in his place at New York; also, two Sundays at Geneva, one in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Clark, and one during his sickness.

Canandaigua, 21 whole Sundays, and 8 half ditto; West Canandaigua, 6 third services; Sulphur Springs, 5 half Sundays, and 1 week day; Victor, 4 half Sundays, and 2 week days; Geneva, twice; Batavia, Oswego, Ithaca, each once.

St. John's Church, Canandaigua. Baptisms, 14; marriages, 2; funerals, 4; communicants, 16.

St. John's Church, Sulphur Springs. Baptisms, 2; communicants, 7.

Christ Church, Victor. Baptism, 1; communicants, 7.

Ovid, Seneca county. Baptisms, 2.

The Rev. George Weller, Missionary in West Chester and Putnam counties, writes to the Bishop as follows:—since my ordination, I have been engaged two-thirds of my time at Bedford, and one-third at North Salem. During this time, both congregations have been enlarged. With the increase of members, I think there has also been an increase of seriousness and devout attention to the ordinances of the Gospel. In Bedford, the Lord's Supper has not been administered since my ordination. Since the last Convention, however, three communicants have been added, and one died, making the present number to be twenty-

six. At the next administration, there will probably be several added to this number.

Since the last Convention, there have been one adult and fourteen children baptised, eight of whom were baptised by myself, and the others by visiting clergymen, in the course of the year.

The church at North Salem is now well attended, and the people much encouraged. Number of communicants, 10.

I have performed Divine service and preached twice in South Salem, and intend occasionally to preach lectures in that town. Being centrally situated, their communicants unite with us at Bedford and North Salem. Number of communicants, 8.

I have also visited Patterson, where I preached twice; and once in the adjoining town of Pawlings. The decayed church in this quarter may perhaps be raised, if my brethren in the ministry, who reside at distances not greater than my own, could be instructed occasionally to give them their services. I intend passing a Sunday in Patterson this month.

I have also preached lectures on week days in North Salem, in Bedford, and the adjoining towns of Poundridge and North-castle.

I preached the missionary sermon. Sum collected, \$5 40.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Missionary at Setauket, Islip, and Huntington, reports to the Bishop as follows:—At Setauket there have been,—baptisms, 2; communicants, 10; marriages, 2. The church is flourishing, and the congregation increasing.

At Islip there has been one baptism. He performed Divine service here three times since June, to a respectable and attentive congregation. The prospect is promising, for collecting a congregation of steady attendants—all evince an earnest desire to have Divine service on a regular and permanent footing.

At Huntington there have been two baptisms. He performed Divine service here three times since the 9th of June, to an attentive congregation. There are scattered round this place, a very respectable number of people attached to the Episcopal Church; to collect them into a permanent congregation, will require time and great attention.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Clergy rendered the following Parochial Reports:

Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county; Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, Minister.—Families, 40; baptisms, adults 2, infants 9—11; marriages, 10; burials, 4; communicants, 35.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 27, adults 7—34; baptisms, at White Plains, 5; funerals, 5; communicants, 57.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island; Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Rector.*—Marriages, 20; baptisms, adults 5, infants 33—38; communicants, dead and removed, 5, added 20,—present number, 144; funerals, 8.

St. Peter's Church, Albany; Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 121, adults 10—131; marriages, 14; funerals, 40; communicants, 100.

I think it my duty to communicate to the Convention, that, at the request of the Oneida and Onondaga tribes of Indians, I visited their settlements in the month of July last, for the purpose of preaching and administering the ordinances. The Rev. Mr. Baldwin was kind enough to accompany me to the Oneida tribe, and assist in the services. Through the medium of interpreters, we preached twice to very attentive and deeply interested audiences. Baptism was administered at Oneida, to two adults and five infants, and the Holy Communion to above thirty persons. This tribe have directed me to assure the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart of their great thankfulness for the interest he has manifested in their favour, in his endeavours to procure a translation of the Book of Common Prayer into their language, and more especially for his kindness in sending one of their Indian brethren to instruct them in the things which concern their everlasting peace. This tribe constantly attend Divine service on the Lord's day, when the service of the Church is performed, and a sermon, translated into their language, is read to them by Mr. Eleazar Williams, a Lay Reader and Catechist.

The Onondaga tribe of Indians were also very attentive to the instructions given to them on the occasion of my visiting them, were very thankful for the attentions paid to them, and request the ministers of our Church to visit them as often as circumstances will admit. Eleven infants were baptised among the Onondagas.

Once, at the request of the inhabitants of the village of Esperance, at the Schoharie Bridge, I visited and preached at that place. It is understood that the people of Esperance are making exertions to procure the services of our Church. Should they effect their object, an eligible settlement for a minister would be made, by connecting this place with Duanesburgh, which is about five miles distant.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county ; Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Families, 105 ; communicants, 111 ; marriages, 13 ; baptisms, 31 ; burials, 17.

Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county ; Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Communicants, 60 ; baptisms, 42 ; marriages, 9 ; funerals, 10.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county ; Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector.—Marriages, 2 ; funerals, 4 ; baptisms, adults 3, children 34—37 ; increase of communicants, 13.

Trinity Church, and St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapels, New York ; Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 204 ; marriages, 66 ; burials, 654 ; communicants, above 700.

Several were added to the communion, after the administration of Confirmation.

Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Communicants, 235 ; baptisms, 102 ; marriages, 45.

French Church Du St. Esprit, New York ; Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Minister.—His services commenced on the 3d Sunday in Advent, 1815. Marriage, 1 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 14.

The services of this church are celebrated in the French language.

St. Stephen's Church, New York ; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Communicants, deaths and removals, 21, additions 37,—present number 394 ; baptisms, adults 7, infants 124—131 ; marriages, 38.

St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York ; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 9—10 ; marriages, 2 ; burials, adults 2, infants 2—4 ; communicants, 26.

St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York ; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector.—Baptism, infant 1 ; communicants, not included in other parochial reports, 7.

Grace Church, New York ; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 29 ; marriages, 9 ; communicants, 165 ; burials, none registered in this parish, there being no cemetery attached to it.

St. George's Church, New York ; Rev. James Milnor, Rector.—The present rector of St. George's Church, New York, from the insufficiency of the documents left by his predecessor and his assistant, is unable to make a return of the number of marriages, baptisms, and burials, in the congregation of that church, during the past year.

The number of communicants, as far as it has been practicable to ascertain them, no list of their names having been left by the late rector, is about 130.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county ; Rev. John Brown, Minister.—He began his services in this place, on the first of January ; since when there have been,—baptisms, adults 8, children 12—20 ; funerals, 4 ; families, 35 ; communicants, removed and deceased 3, added since first communion 20,—present number, 23.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island ; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 9 ; communicants, 40 ; marriages, 8 ; burials, 3.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, and Christ Chapel, North Hempstead, Long Island ; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, 18 ; marriages, 31 ; burials, 7.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island ; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister.—Baptisms, 17 ; marriages, 7 ; communicants, about 43 ; increase since last report, 10.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island ; Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants 6—9 ; marriages, 7 ; deaths, 3 ; communicants, 44.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county ; Rev. Parker Adams, Rector.—Baptisms, 14 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 6 ; communicants, 43.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county ; Rev. David Butler, Rector.*—Baptisms, infants 42, adults 16—58 ; marriages, 9 ; funerals, 21 ; communicants, 109.

The rector of St. Paul's has performed Divine service on two Sundays at Stillwater, and on each Sunday administered

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the Holy Communion. He baptised there, two adults and three infants.

St. Andrew's Church, and Trinity Chapel, Staten Island ; Rev. David Moore, Rector.—Baptisms, 65 ; funerals, 26 ; marriages, 16 ; communicants, 270 ; families, 375.

St. Paul's Church, Ballston Spa, and St. James' Church, Milton, Saratoga county ; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector.—Baptisms, 43 ; marriages, 14 ; funerals, 10.

The rector has performed Divine service once at Duanesburgh, and once at Stillwater.

St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county ; Rev. David Huntington, Rector.—Baptisms, 10 ; communicants, 40 ; deaths, 3 ; marriages, 2.

In each of the vacant churches at Stillwater, Ballstown, and Duanesburgh, the rector has performed Divine service one Sunday.

St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, children 46, adults 2—48 ; marriages, 19 ; funerals, 8 ; communicants, 70.

The rector has, in compliance with the appointment of the Bishop, performed Divine service in the church at Duanesburgh, one Sunday ; and in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Brownell, two Sundays ; and baptised five children.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county ; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 6, adult 1—7 ; marriages, 5 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 20.

Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county ; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Marriages, 12 ; baptisms, 25 ; deaths, 20 ; communicants, between 50 and 60.

The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Rye, judged it expedient to withdraw from the White Plains, and to have the stated services of the rector limited to the church in Rye ; and have acted accordingly ; so that the White Plains are now destitute.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, children 17, adult 1—18 ; marriage, 1 ; deaths, 6 ; communicants, about 32.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county ; Rev. William Powell, Minister.—The Parish of St. John's, Yonkers,

having become vacant by the death of the Rev. Elias Cooper, I took pastoral charge of the same in May last; since which period there have been,—baptisms, 4; funerals, 3; marriage, 1; communicants, about 56.

With regard to the state of the parish, it may in general be observed, that the services of the Church are extremely well attended, and that the people evince a sincere attachment to her doctrines and liturgy.

The Clergy were called on for an account of the sums collected in their several churches, for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds; and, agreeably to a resolution of the last Convention, the statements are here subjoined.

For the Missionary Fund.—St. Peter's Church, Stamford, Delaware county, \$6.37; St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, \$9.75; Christ Church, Greenville, Greene county, \$6.43; Trinity Church, Windham, Greene county, \$5.20; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island, \$72.70; Trinity Church, New York, \$295.22; St. Paul's Chapel, New York, \$220.85; St. John's Chapel, New York, \$110.04; Christ Church, New York, \$91.19; St. Mark's Church, New York, \$28.98; Church Du St. Esprit, New York, \$100.20; St. Michael's Church, New York, \$12.51; Grace Church, New York, \$178.00; St. James' Church, New York, \$38.63; St. George's Church, New York, \$72.75; Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county, \$16.84; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island, \$15.88; Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island, \$34.41; St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county, \$52.15; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, \$15.00; St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county, \$2.50; St. George's Church, Schenectady, \$15.00; St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, West Chester county, \$5.40; Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county, \$9.00; St. Peter's Church, West Chester, \$31.41; St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county, \$27.81; Rensselaerville, \$4.11; Durham, \$2.95.

For the Episcopal Fund.—Christ Church, Hudson, \$12.00; Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, \$11.02½; St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, \$5.25; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island, \$34.35; Trinity Church, New York, \$119.00; St. Paul's Chapel, New York, \$109.00; St. John's Chapel, New York, \$65.20; Christ Church, New York, \$74.06; Church Du St. Esprit, New York, \$49.70; St. Stephen's Church, New York, \$53.82; St. Michael's Church, New York, \$17.12½; Grace Church, New York, \$153.17; St. James' Church, New

York, \$18.06 ; Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county, \$4.50 ; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island, \$14.80 ; St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, \$5.75 ; St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county, \$2.50 ; St. George's Church, Schenectady, \$14.50 ; St. Peter's Church, West Chester, \$12.09 ; St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county, \$22.07.

The Treasurer of the Convention submitted his report, from which it appeared that the receipts since the last report have been—for the Episcopal Fund \$827 88 ; and that the present aggregate amount of the Episcopal Fund is \$14,414 97.*

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the report be accepted, and that the thanks of the Convention be returned to Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, for his faithful services as Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to inquire into the state of the Episcopal Fund.

Peter J. Munro, Esq., Mr. William Jay, and Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, were accordingly appointed.

The Convention adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Martin Hoffman, a Lay Delegate from St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York, appeared, and having presented satisfactory evidence of his appointment, took his seat.

In reference to a presentment of the Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, made by three presbyters of this Diocese to the Right Rev. the Bishop of the same, the following resolution was offered by Peter J. Munro, Esq., and seconded by Mr. William Jay :

Resolved, as the sense of this Convention, That the further prosecution of the presentment against the Rev. Timothy Clowes

* The Episcopal Fund, which is formed of the annual collections for the purpose in the congregations, is to be permitted to accumulate, without diminution, until the annual profits of the Fund become adequate to the support of a Bishop.

would be inexpedient, and that the Right Rev. the Bishop of New York be, and he hereby is, requested to use his endeavours to cause the said presentment to be dismissed.

A division being requested by five members of the Convention, the Clergy and Lay Delegates were called on separately (agreeably to Art. 7. of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese) for their votes on the question—Shall this resolution be adopted ?

The votes were as follows :

OF THE CLERGY, *Aye*.—Rev. David Huntington—1.

Nays.—Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rev. William Berrian, Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rev. John Brown, Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rev. William Creighton, Rev. Adam Empie, Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rev. Samuel Fuller, Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Rev. John M'Vickar, Rev. James Milnor, Rev. David Moore, Rev. Daniel Nash, Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Rev. Joseph Perry, Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rev. John Reed, Rev. James Thompson, Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rev. Ralph Williston—31.

OF THE LAY-DELEGATION, *Ayes*.—St. James' Church, North Salem ; Church at Bedford and Northcastle—2.

Nays.—Christ Church, Hudson ; St. James' Church, Hyde Park ; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie ; St. Luke's Church, Cattskill ; Trinity Church, New York, (with two chapels) three votes ;* Christ Church, New York ; St. Mark's Church, New York ; Church Du St. Esprit, New York ; St. Stephen's Church, New York ; Grace Church, New York ; St. James' Church, New York ; St. George's Church, New York ; St. George's Church, Newburgh ; Harmony Church, Butternutts ; St. George's Church, Flushing ; St. George's Church, Hempstead, (with a chapel) two votes ;* St. James' Church, Newtown ; St. Paul's Church, Troy ; St. John's Church, Islip ; Trinity Church, New Rochelle ; St. Peter's Church, West Chester—24.

Divided.—Trinity Church, Fishkill ; Christ Church, Rye—2.

And so the resolution was negatived by a majority of both orders.

* Agreeably to Art. 7. of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese.

The Rector and Lay-delegation of St. Peter's Church, Albany; and the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, and the Rev. Parker Adams, two of the presenters in the case specified in the resolution, were, on their request, excused from voting.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention, in declining to recommend it to the Bishop to advise the withdrawing of the presentment against the Rev. Timothy Clowes, do not intend to express any opinion whatever relative to the merits of the presentment, but act upon the simple principle, that the subject does not fall within their jurisdiction.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half-past eight o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3D.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read, and approved.

The following gentlemen were elected Delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., Rev. David Butler, Rev. William Harris, D. D.; Hon. Rufus King, Dr. John Onderdonk, Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Esq., Mr. William Ogden.

The following gentlemen were elected Members of the Standing Committee of this Diocese :

Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rev. Thomas Lyell; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. Matthew Clarkson, Mr. William Ogden, Robert Troup, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, of which the Bishop is (*ex-officio*) President :

Rev. John Bowden, D. D., Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rev. Ralph Williston; Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wageningen, Dr. John Onderdonk, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq.

Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen was elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The vote of the Convention was then taken on the following proposed amendment to the first article of the Constitution of the Church in this diocese, which was passed at the last Convention, *viz.* :

“ *Article I.* There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, on the third Tuesday in October in each year,” &c. &c.

This Convention also acceding to said proposed amendment ; it was finally passed, and adopted into the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese.

Public notice having been given of Divine service in Trinity Church this morning, on occasion of the annual meeting of the “ Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York,”

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to attend said service, and to meet again for business at one o’clock p. m.

The Convention adjourned accordingly.

ONE O’CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Bishop informed the Convention, that he had been invited, by a resolution of the Convention of the Church in the State of Connecticut, to perform Episcopal offices in that Diocese, agreeably to the 20th canon of the General Convention ; and that, considering the peculiar exigencies of the Church there, he had consented to accept the invitation, in conformity with the terms of the canon on which it is founded, until the invitation is withdrawn, or a Bishop elected and settled among them.

Resolved unanimously, That although this Convention highly approves of the conduct of the Right Rev. the Bishop of New York, (as explained by him) in acting under the 20th canon of the General Convention, and accepting the invitation of the Diocese of Connecticut, to execute his Episcopal functions within that Diocese in its present situation ; yet it is the earnest wish of this Convention, that their sister Diocese of Connecticut may speedily make such arrangements as will render the Right Rev. Bishop’s connexion with that Diocese unnecessary.

The Clergy who were appointed at the last Convention, agreeably to a canon of this Church of 1806, to supply vacant parishes within this Diocese, were called on agreeably to the same canon, "for an account of the fulfilment of the duty, and to report concerning the state of the parishes which they have visited;" and the following appointments were made for the ensuing year—the Clergy to supply the congregations annexed to their names respectively, at such times as they may deem most convenient and proper:

The Rev. Mr. Brown, the Rev. Mr. Powell, and the Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck, Goshen and Coldenham.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, and the Rev. Mr. M'Vickar, Patterson.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the Rev. Mr. Clowes, the Rev. Mr. Huntington, and the Rev. Mr. Perry, Duanesburgh.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, Stillwater.

The Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck, Fishkill, Peekskill, and Philipstown.

The following preamble and resolution were offered, and adopted, *viz.*:

This Convention observing with regret, that the standing order of the Church relative to the annual collection for the Episcopal Fund, is, by many of the churches, totally disregarded; therefore

Resolved, That the Clergy who have heretofore been deficient in this respect, be earnestly entreated not again to neglect this important duty, but make the collection regularly, without regarding the smallness of the means of their respective congregations,

The Convention adjourned.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Bishop of the Prot. Episc. Church in the State of New York, and President of the Convention.

Attested,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

As Adopted October 11th, 1796.

[Amended in Convention, 1816, by changing the time of meeting from the *first* to the *third* Tuesday in October.]

Art. 1. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, on the *third* Tuesday in October in each year, in such place as shall be determined by the Bishop for the time being.

Art. 2. The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church, or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee; and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Chair, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special Convention.

Art. 3. The Convention shall be composed of the officiating ministers, being regularly admitted and settled in some church within this State which is in union with this Convention; and of lay members, consisting of one or more delegates from each church, to be chosen by the vestry or congregation; and clergymen employed as missionaries under the direction of this Convention, and clergymen engaged as professors or instructors of youth in any college, academy, or general seminary of learning duly incorporated, may be members of the Convention.

Art. 4. Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop.

Art. 5. The Bishop shall preside in the Convention; but in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a President from among the Clergy.

Art. 6. A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention. His duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may

be in his possession : it shall also be his duty to give due notice to each minister and vestry of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

Art. 7. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body ; and, in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individuals, and the Laity by congregations ; and when more than one church or chapel shall be united under one vestry, the delegate or delegates of such vestry shall be entitled to a vote for each church or chapel ; and a majority of the two orders jointly shall be decisive : but if, in any case, it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

Art. 8. The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows : A proposition for an amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention ; and, if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention ; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

THIRTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

JOURNAL
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OF THE
ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On the 21st and 22d days of October, A. D. 1817.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of New York.

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county.

The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.

The Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county.

The Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing Long Island.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county.

The Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, in Albany and Greene counties.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county.

The Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary in Washington county.

The Rev. Samuel Johnston, Deacon, Missionary in Genesee and Niagara counties.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.

The Rev. James Milnor, Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Long Island.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

The following Clergy, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Rev. David Huntington, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Stamford, Saratoga county.

The Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Minister of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island.

The Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county.

The Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island.

The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Minister of Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county; St. Philip's Church, Philipstown, Putnam county; and St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, West Chester county.

The Rev. Joseph Willard, residing in the city of New York.

The Rev. ——— Mason, of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William H. Hart, of Virginia.

The Rev. Bethel Judd, of North Carolina.

Of this Diocese.

LAY DELEGATES.

Columbia county.

Hudson, Christ Church, William E. Norman.

Delaware county.

Stamford, St. Peter's Church, George Sherwood.

Dutchess county.

Fishkill, Trinity Church, Daniel C. Verplanck, Abraham Weeks, Abraham Mesier.

Hyde Park, St. James' Church, Samuel Bard.

Poughkeepsie, Christ Church, William Davies, Randall S. Street, George Taylor.

Redhook, St. Paul's Church, Edward P. Livingston, Ebenezer Punderson.

King's county.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church, William Grigg, John Cornell.

City and county of New York.

Christ Church, George Dominick, Richard Townsend, Benjamin Hyde, Floyd Smith.

French Church Du St. Esprit, Felix Pascalis, John G. Tardy.

Grace Church, Wright Post, David B. Ogden.

St. George's Church, Harry Peters, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, James D. L. Walton, Isaac Carow.

St. James' Church, Martin Hoffman, Peter Schermerhorn.

St. Mark's Church, Mangle Minthorne, John Day, Clement C. Moore.

St. Michael's Church, Valentine Nutter, Isaac Jones.

St. Stephen's Church, Daniel Mersereau.

Trinity Church, Richard Harison, Nehemiah Rogers, Thomas L. Ogden, Joshua Jones.

Zion Church, Lewis Hartman.

Oneida county.

Utica, Trinity Church, Nathan Williams.

Orange county.

Goshen, St. James' Church, Christian Hurtin.

Newburgh, St. George's Church, Rudolph Bunner, Gilbert O. Fowler.

Queen's county.

Flushing, St. George's Church, Thos. Marston, William Prince.

Jamaica, Grace Church, Timothy Nostrand, Lewis E. A. Eigenbrodt.

Newtown, St. James' Church, David Purdy, Timothy Roach, John Alsop.

Rensselaer county.

Troy, St. Paul's Church, Nathan Warren.

Richmond county.

Richmond, St. Andrew's Church, James Guyon, John Guyon.

Schenectady county.

Duanesburgh, Christ Church, G. W. Featherstonhaugh.

Schenectady, St. George's Church, William Richmond, John I. Degraff.

Suffolk county.

Islip, St. John's Church, John T. Champlin.

Sullivan county.

Thompson, St. John's Church, Charles Thompson, Livingston Billings.

West Chester county.

Bedford and Northcastle, William Jay.

East Chester, St. Paul's Church, John Townsend, William Popham.

Mamaroneck, St. Thomas' Church, Guy C. Bayley.

New Rochelle, Trinity Church, James Harvey.

Rye, Christ Church, Jonathan Purdy.

Yonkers, St. John's Church, Henry White, Benjamin Fowler.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were not present during this session :

The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, Professor of Rhetoric and Belles-Lettres in Union College, Schenectady.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and the counties adjacent.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, Missionary in Onondaga county, and counties adjacent.

The Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary, and Rector of the churches in Otsego county.

The Rev. Samuel Nicholls, Deacon, Tutor in the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Missionary at Canandaigua Ontario county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister of St. Ann's Church Brooklyn, Long Island.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario, and adjacent counties.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 1817.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, for the meeting of the annual Convention of the same, and Trinity Church, in the city of New York, having been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting at this time, the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and several Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; and a charge to the Clergy delivered by the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, who also administered the Holy Communion, assisted by other clergymen present.

The Convention then assembled, and a list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the same being called over, agreeably to the second canon of 1803, the following answered to their names, and took their seats, *viz.*:

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county; Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New York; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island; Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county; Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary in Albany and Greene counties; Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D., Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, Hamilton Square, New York; Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary in Washington county; Rev. Samuel Johnston, Deacon, Missionary in Genesee and Niagara counties; Rev. William B. Lacey, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; Rev. James Milnor, Rector of St. George's Church, New York; Rev. David Moore, Rector of St.

Andrew's Church, Staten Island ; Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pénéveyre, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York ; Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county ; Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county ; Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent ; Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Long Island ; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady ; Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties ; Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county ; Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent ; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates were read, and approved ; and the following took their seats :

From Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county, William E. Norman ; from St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, Samuel Bard ; from Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, William Davies, George Taylor, Randall S. Street ; from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island, William Grigg ; from Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Richard Townsend ; from the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, Felix Pascalis, John G. Tardy ; from Grace Church, New York, Wright Post ; from St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Harry Peters, Isaac Carow, James D. L. Walton ; from St. James' Church, New York, Martin Hoffman ; from St. Mark's Church, New York, Mangle Minthorne, Clement C. Moore, John Day ; from St. Michael's Church, New York, Valentine Nutter ; from Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, Nehemiah Rogers, Joshua Jones ; from Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county, Nathan Williams ; from St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county, Christian Hurtin ; from St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island, William Prince, Thomas Marston ; from St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island, David Purdy, Timothy Roach, John Alsop ; from St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county, Nathan Warren ; from St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island, James Guyon, John Guyon ; from St. George's Church, Schenectady, William Richmond ; from St. John's Church, Islip, Long Island, John T. Champlin ; from St. Matthew's Church, Bedford and Northcastle, West Chester county, William Jay ; from St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county, John Townsend, William Popham ; from Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county, James Harvey ;

from St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county, Henry White, Benjamin Fowler.

Certificates were read of the incorporation of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county; St. John's Church, Thompson, Sullivan county; and St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, Niagara county; and said churches were severally received into union with this Convention.

Certificates were read, and approved, of the appointment of Edward P. Livingston and Ebenezer Punderson to represent St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county; and of Charles Thompson and Livingston Billings to represent St. John's Church, Thompson, Sullivan county; who accordingly took their seats in the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city of New York during the session of this Convention, and not members thereof, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

Agreeably to the foregoing resolution, the following clergymen took their seats:

The Rev. David Huntington, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Stamford, Delaware county; Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Minister of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island; Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county; Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county; and Rev. Joseph Willard, residing in the city of New York, of this Diocese; Rev. ——— Mason, of Pennsylvania; Rev. William H. Hart, of Virginia; and Rev. Bethel Judd, of North Carolina.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk was duly chosen.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22D.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read, and approved.

The following clergymen, members of this Convention, not present yesterday, appeared, and took their seats :

The Rev. Theodosias Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county ; Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county ; Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county ; Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county ; Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent.

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, admitting clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who are not members of the Convention, to the sittings thereof, the following clergymen, belonging to this Diocese, appeared, and took their seats :

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island ; and the Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Minister of Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county ; St. Philip's Church, Philipstown, Putnam county ; and St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, West Chester county.

The following Lay Delegates presented testimonials of their respective appointments, which were approved, and took their seats :

From St. Peter's Church, Stamford, Delaware county, George Sherwood ; from Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, Daniel C. Verplanck, Abraham Weeks, Abraham Mesier ; from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island, John Cornell ; from Christ Church, New York, Benjamin Hyde, Floyd Smith ; from Grace Church, New York, David B. Ogden ; from St. James' Church, New York, Peter Schermerhorn ; from St. Michael's Church, New York, Isaac Jones ; from St. Stephen's Church, New York, Daniel Mersereau ; from Trinity Church, New York, Thomas L. Ogden ; from Zion Church, New York, Lewis Hartman ; from St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county, Rudolph Bunner, Gilbert O. Fowler ; from Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island, Timothy Nostrand, Lewis E. A. Eigenbrodt ; from St. George's Church, Schenectady, John I. Degraff ; from Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county, G. W. Featherstonhaugh ; from Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county, Jonathan Purdy.

Certificates of the incorporation of St. Thomas' Church, Mamaroneck, West Chester county, and St. Paul's Church, Ticonderoga, Essex county, were read, and approved; and said churches received into union with this Convention.

A certificate of the appointment of Delegates to represent St. Thomas' Church, Mamaroneck, West Chester county, in this Convention, was read, and approved; and Guy C. Bayley appeared, and took his seat accordingly.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

The congregations of this Diocese having been frequently and generally visited, there has not been a necessity, in this respect, for as extensive a course of duty as usual, through the past year. In the month of November last I visited and held Confirmations in the churches at Hudson and Catskill. In the month of December I paid a visit to the distant congregation of Canandaigua, and consecrated a remarkably beautiful and commodious building to the service of Almighty God according to the rites of our Church, and administered the ordinance of Confirmation. This congregation is much indebted for its flourishing condition, to the labours of the Missionary who principally officiates there, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk. In March last I visited the Church at Newtown, which, by the laudable exertions of the clergyman and congregation, had been recently repaired, and rendered very neat and commodious; and admitted the Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, elected Rector of that church, and the Rev. William Creighton, elected Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York, to the holy order of Priests. In April I visited the church at East Chester, and admitted to the same order, the Rev. Ravaud Kearny, who had lately commenced his labours in that congregation; the Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, elected Rector of the churches at Fishkill, Philipstown, and Peekskill; and the Rev. George Wheeler, Missionary at West Chester county.

I recently repeated my visits to the congregation at East Chester, and received, in common with the clergyman who accompanied me, unusual gratification in the view of above 70 persons, principally young, coming forward to Confirmation, with more than ordinary evidences of the devout sensibility excited by this offering of themselves to God. Each one of these had been visited and instructed in reference to this holy solemnity, by their pastor, who, within a short time previous, had administered Baptism to 36 adult persons. His assiduous labours have collected, through the Divine blessing, a numerous congregation, and inspired among them a zeal which has led them, at very considerable expense, to repair and beautify their church; in defraying which, individuals, who earn their support by their daily labour, have contributed several hundred dollars. The increase of the numbers and

the piety of this congregation, has been effected by assiduity in parochial labours, and by the frequent performance of the service of the Church, without a departure from her prescriptions, or the introduction of modes of exciting the feelings which her sober institutions do not warrant.

The example of this congregation, and of the congregations at Hampton and Granville, under the care of one of the Missionaries in Washington county, in addition to that in the city of Troy, to which, in a former address, I called your attention, and to others which might be mentioned, proves that the advancement of piety in our Church does not demand a recourse to any means than those which she has prescribed, and which the wisdom of ages have sanctioned. Let the minister, as frequently as circumstances will admit, assemble his congregation for Divine worship; let him be faithful in proclaiming to the people committed to his charge, the whole counsel of God, and the distinguishing truths of the dispensation of mercy and grace through a Redeemer; let him diligently attend to parochial visitation and catechetical instruction; let him publicly and privately call his people not only to a devout attendance on those public ordinances, by which, in the exercise of penitence and faith, their union with their Redeemer is maintained, but to private and constant intercourse with Heaven, in pious reading, meditation, and prayer; let him thus be instant "in season, out of season," and his labours will be blessed, generally in the increase of the numbers of his congregation, but always in their establishment in substantial piety agreeably to the principles of the Church. This should be the great object, and this is the best reward of the services of her ministers.

No opinion is more unfounded than that there is a deficiency as to the means of pious instruction and devotion in the forms of our Church. She has provided *Daily Morning and Evening Prayer*; and hence her ministers, when circumstances admit and require, can assemble their flocks for any purposes of Christian edification, not only *daily*, but *twice* in the day, and lead their devotions to Heaven in prayers, to the use of which they have bound themselves by the most solemn obligations, and than which surely no one of her ministers will presume to think that he can make better. But to suppose that our Church, while she thus furnishes public edifices for the celebration of the social devotion of her members, warrants their meeting elsewhere, except where peculiar circumstances, in the want of a public building, or in the size of a parish, render it necessary; or to suppose that while she thus fully provides in her institutions for the Christian edification of her members, she thinks it can be necessary, for this purpose, to have recourse to private meetings, the devotions of which tend to disparage the Liturgy, and eventually to lessen the relish for its fervent but well-ordered services, would be to impute to her the strange policy of introducing into her own bosom, the principles of disorder and schism, and, perhaps, of heresy and enthusiasm.

My brethren of the Clergy—suffer me seriously and affectionately, with a view to guard, not against present, but possible evils, to fortify these sentiments by an authority to which an appeal ought never to be made in vain.

It is the authority of one whose piety was as humble and fervent as his judgment was penetrating and discriminating, and his learning extensive and profound. It is the authority of one, too, who lived in those times when the private associations commenced, the effects of which he deprecated, but which were finally awfully realized in the utter subversion of the goodly fabric of the Church whose ministry he adorned, and in the triumph, on her ruins, of the innumerable forms of heresy and schism. The judicious Hooker thus speaks, in that work on Ecclesiastical Polity, in which he delivers so many lessons of profound wisdom: "To him who considers the grievous and scandalous inconveniences whereunto they make themselves daily subject, with whom any blind and secret corner is judged a fit house of common prayer; the manifold confusion which they fall into, where every man's *private spirit and gift*, as they term it, is the only Bishop that ordaineth him to this ministry; the irksome deformities whereby, through endless and senseless effusions of indigested prayers, they who are subject to no certain order, but pray both *what and how they list*, often disgrace, in most insufferable manner, the worthiest part of Christian duty towards God; to him, I say, who weigheth duly all these things, the reasons cannot be obscure, why God doth in public prayer so much regard the solemnity of *places where*, the authority and calling of *persons by whom*, and the precise appointment, even with what *words and sentences*, His name shall be called on, amongst His people."

Confirmation has also been administered in the churches at Jamaica, Hempstead, and North Hempstead; and, on Sunday last, I confirmed above 60 persons in the church at Brooklyn; to the charge of which the Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, has been recently elected; the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, the late rector, having removed to the Diocese of Maryland; where the Rev. Ralph Williston, the Rev. Edmund D. Barry, and the Rev. George Weller, have also removed. The Rev. Adam Empie has removed to the State of North Carolina, and the Rev. Abiel Carter to Pennsylvania. The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre has been instituted Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; and the Rev. William Creighton Rector of St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, New York, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Harris, who devotes himself to the discharge of his duties as President of Columbia College. The Rev. Daniel McDonald has removed from his services as missionary at Auburn, and its vicinity, to the charge of the academy and church at Fairfield, in the place of the Rev. Virgil H. Barber; and the Rev. David Huntington, from Charlton to Waterville, Delaware county. The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, officiates as minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county. Christ Church, Ballston, Saratoga county, has been removed to the village of Ballston Spa, in the same county, and the services of the Rev. Joseph Perry are confined to that church, so that St. James' Church, Milton, has become vacant. The Rev. Nathaniel Huse, from the Diocese of Connecticut, officiates at present in Oneida county.

I must record the removal by death of the venerable Dr. Bowden, Professor in Columbia College, whose meritorious services to the Church, in the defence

of her principles, will long be gratefully remembered; and the Rev. Henry Moscrop, a resident clergyman in New York.

In addition to the ordinations already mentioned, Nathaniel F. Bruce M. D., now officiating at Duanesburgh; Richard F. Cadle, at Goshen; Asahel Davis, officiating in some vacant congregations in the Western District; Samuel Nicholls, Tutor in the Academy at Fairfield; William H. Northrop, officiating at Auburn; George H. Norton, officiating in the western part of the State, have been admitted to the order of Deacons; and the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Deacon, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent, to that of Priests.

It is my duty to state that, agreeably to the canons, I have suspended from the ministry the Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; and the Rev. Nathan Felsh, residing in Putnam county.

The following are candidates for orders in this Diocese: William Richmond, Thomas Osborne, George W. Woodruff, Deodatus Babcock, James P. Cotter, Leveret Bush, Intrepid Morse, George Uphold, John Grigg, George B. Andrews, Alexis P. Proal, James Bowden, James P. F. Clarke. Several other young men, to the number of eight or ten, are ready to be admitted, or preparing for admission.

New Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies have been established in various parts of the State.

Sunday Schools have been organized in this city, in union with our Church, which promise the most beneficial effects; and referring to some public documents on this subject,* I suggest the formation of similar schools in every congregation in the Diocese.

The Missionaries continue, as usual, their laborious and important duties. No Diocese in the Union affords a more extensive field for missionary labours, or has contributed so largely to this object. And this must be our apology for not uniting at present with other Dioceses in the important work of contributing to the support of Missionaries in the western States. But it is with pain I state the fact, of the necessity of the reduction of the number, or of the salaries of the Missionaries, unless the funds for their support, from the voluntary contributions of the congregations, be enlarged. The increase of our congregations in the new settlements, and the prosperity of others will thus be seriously retarded. A generous individual has made a donation of \$250; and a pious and spirited Missionary Society, principally of young men, have added to the Missionary Fund the sum of \$800. But our missionaries are so numerous that the funds are not adequate to their support. I trust, it will be the object of us all, to increase the means of providing missionaries, and thus most effectually to secure the extension and prosperity of our Church. When she needs all our contributions for religious purposes, ought they to be applied elsewhere?

New congregations at Buffalo, Rochester, (Genesee Falls,) Monticello, Ticonderoga, Redhook, and Mamaroneck, have been organized.

In my provisional charge, according to the canons, of the Diocese of Con-

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necticut, my visitations have been so general, that, it is presumed, little more of my services there will be necessary until the election of a Bishop for that Diocese. It is desirable that circumstances should admit of this being soon effected.

In the month of May a meeting of the General Convention of our Church was held in this city, which, from the respectability of its members, and the objects of its counsels, excited great interest. Among the measures there adopted, provision was made for the establishment of a Theological School under the auspices of the General Convention. The clergyman appointed to collect subscriptions in this Diocese, is pursuing his arduous work with all that zeal which a strong sense of the importance of the object can inspire; and by the documents with which he is furnished, and his own judicious representations, is calling forth the liberality of the community.

But I think I should fail in my duty, if I neglected to impress on you, my brethren, and, through you, on the Episcopalians of the Diocese, the immense importance of the proposed Theological Establishment. There cannot be an object presented to them which has equal claims on their beneficence. Without a ministry, the Church cannot *exist*; and destitute of a *learned* as well as a *pious* ministry, she cannot *flourish*. These are axioms, which it would be an insult to the understanding of any person to suppose that he denies or doubts. As a *general* proposition, it is also true, that the ministry will not be distinguished for learning, unless there are public institutions, which, in the professorships attached to them, in the libraries with which they are furnished, and in the association of young men of similar pursuits and views, supply both the most advantageous *means* of theological improvement, and the most powerful *motives* diligently and faithfully to employ these means. A candidate for orders thus situated, directed by able, affectionate, and pious professors, having access to richly furnished libraries, associated in the exercises of piety, as well as in his studies with those who are preparing for the exalted office of ministers of CHRIST and stewards of the mysteries of GOD, would make much greater and more substantial progress in all the preparatory qualifications for the ministry, than if left to solitary instruction and solitary study.

A still further and most eminent benefit of the contemplated Theological School, will consist in the pecuniary aids which it will furnish to youths of piety and talents, who are destitute of the funds to procure the necessary education for the ministry. Young men of this description, have often furnished the brightest examples of ministerial fidelity, talents, and zeal. Many such, however, are now lost to the Church, from the want of funds with which to aid them in procuring the necessary education. There can be no species of benevolence more grateful to the friend of religion, and of the temporal and eternal happiness of mankind, than that which takes a youth of piety and talents from a state of depression and obscurity, and furnishing him with the means of education and of theological study, prepares him for becoming the respectable and successful herald of the cross of the Redeemer, and the dispenser, under GOD, of spiritual blessings to his fellow-men.

But for all these purposes, for the salaries of professors, for procuring libraries, for supporting candidates for the ministry destitute of pecuniary means, for erecting the requisite buildings, funds are necessary—and *large* funds. This, then, is no ordinary call on the liberality of Episcopalians. It is a call, on the successful issue of which, in procuring *large* contributions, depend, if not the existence, certainly the extension and prosperity of their Church. I would respectfully say to you, brethren, especially my brethren of the Laity, and to Episcopalians in general—Look at what is done in this respect by *other Christian denominations*—professorships handsomely endowed, commodious buildings, extensive libraries, numerous students. They annually send forth ministers disciplined by the exercises of piety, and fitted by the studies of the school, for the eloquent and faithful exercise of their functions. Ought we not to be alarmed for the welfare of our own Church, destitute as she is of all public provision for theological education? Benevolent individuals of other denominations freely bestow contributions to this object to the amount of hundreds and frequently of thousands of dollars. Should we not be excited to at least equal liberality in the cause of a Church which has every possible claim on our affection, and on our zealous exertions? Many Episcopalians in this city, and elsewhere in the State, have already liberally contributed. They will have the prayers and the gratitude of the Church; and affording the most effectual means of perpetuating the blessings of our holy religion, they will have the gratitude of posterity—They will not be forgotten for this good which they have done, by their God. May their example be emulated by others.—May every Episcopalian, when called on for his subscription to the Theological School, consider that he is to make his contribution to an object of more importance to the interests of religion and the Church, than any other for which he can be solicited, and which, therefore, demands the largest exercise of beneficence.

JOHN HENRY HOBART.

NEW YORK, October 22d, 1817.

The Clergy who were absent from the last Convention, were called on for the reasons of their absence, which were severally accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That for the purpose of more extensively circulating in this Diocese, the recommendation of the House of Bishops, in the late General Convention of our Church, relative to certain Amusements, said recommendation, as it appears on the 46th page of the Journal of that Convention, be printed with the Journal of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the recommendation of the same House of Bishops, on the subject of Catechetical Instruction and Lectures,

appearing on the 43d page of the same Journal, be also printed with the Journal of this Convention.*

The Committee appointed by the last Convention, to inquire into the state of the Episcopal Fund, made a report; the consideration of which was postponed until the next Convention.

The Bishop, from "the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," reported that the following Missionaries are at present engaged in this Diocese:

The Rev. William A. Clark, at Manlius, Onondaga county, and the counties adjacent; Rev. Samuel Fuller, in Albany and Greene counties; Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, in Onondaga and adjacent counties; Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, in Washington county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Stephen Jewett, in Hampton, Granville, and parts adjacent; Rev. Samuel Johnston, Deacon, in Genesee and Niagara counties; Rev. William B. Lacey, in Chenango county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Daniel Nash, in Otsego county; Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, at Canandaigua, Ontario county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent; Rev. Charles Seabury, at Setauket, Islip, and Huntington, Long Island; Rev. James Thompson, in Greene and Delaware counties; Rev. Alanson W. Welton, in Ontario and adjacent counties; Rev. Russel Wheeler, at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent; and, also, that Mr. Eleazar Williams continues to discharge, with fidelity and usefulness, the duties of Catechist, Schoolmaster, and Lay Reader among the Oneida tribe of Indians.

The Bishop also laid before the Convention the following statements, containing the substance of the Reports of Missionaries:

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary at Rensselaerville, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:—

Since the last Convention I have officiated two-thirds of the time at Rensselaerville, and one-third at Durham, except the following days; namely,

One Sunday in Catskill, when returning from Convention last fall; one Sunday at Windham, and one at Greeneville, Greene county; part of one Sunday in Albany, and part of one in Troy; one Sunday in Waterford and Lansingburgh; one at Butternutts,

* These extracts are published at the end of this Journal.

and in the evening at New Lisbon, Otsego county; one Sunday at Windsor, Broome county, and administered the Communion. I was in Albany one Sunday, and one in Troy, when I performed no service.

I also officiated on other days, besides at Rensselaerville and Durham, in Albany once; at Westerlo once; at Windsor, Broome county, twice, in different parts of the town; at Unadilla once; and once at Franklin, Delaware county.

The Baptisms for the last year are,—at Rensselaerville, adult 1, children 3—4; Greeneville, 1 child; Broome, Schoharie county, 3 children; Durham, 2 children; Windsor, Broome county, 8 children;—total, 18.

Collections for the Episcopal Fund. Rensselaerville, \$2 81; Durham, \$1 06;—total, \$3 87.

Collections for the Missionary Fund. Rensselaerville, \$4 83; Durham, \$2 44;—total, \$7 27.

There is no material alteration in the state of the congregations at Rensselaerville and Durham since last year.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary at Hampton, Granville, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

During the past year I have been called to the exercise of a more than ordinary share of vigilance, activity, and laborious exertion. An extraordinary degree of religious excitement has prevailed in this vicinity, attended, as is too often the case, with an excessive zeal for making proselytes. I had, at one time, serious apprehensions that, during this fervour, the *reasonable services* of the Church might be undervalued, and some, perhaps, drawn from her pale. Conscious, however, of the correctness of the *good old way*, I determined to countenance no innovation, but to endeavour, with all possible prudence, to do my duty, leaving the result to the overruling providence of Him “who alone can order the wills and affections of men.” And I am happy in being able to state, that we have not only kept good our numbers, but have made (blessed be God,) considerable additions, as will appear from the statement at the end of this report. The number of those who regularly attend Church, has greatly increased, especially at Hampton. Indeed, I have reason, I think, to flatter myself, that the Church is now much better known, and more generally respected, in this vicinity, than at any former period. One Sunday has been spent at Plattsburgh, and several, by exchange with Mr. Hamilton, at Ticonderoga and Sandy Hill; the remainder, as usual, at Hampton and Granville alternately. A third service has been performed every fourth Sunday at West Haven, (Vermont,) when a large and respectable congregation has attended; and several have joined our communion.

During the year, owing to peculiar circumstances, about 100 sermons and lectures have been given in the two parishes and their vicinity. In these discourses, my principal object has been to explain and enforce the doctrines and usages of our Church; and I have found, I think, by experience, that, with the more candid and well informed part of the community, nothing is, in general, wanting but a *knowledge* of the Church, to make her apostolic institutions *valued* and *respected*.

In September last I visited, in company with the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, some Episcopalians at Northwest Bay, on the west side of Lake Champlain; preached, and baptised seven children; went thence to Plattsburgh, where I spent one Sunday, preached, and baptised one adult and sixteen children. At Plattsburgh I found several Episcopalians, and many others favourably disposed towards the Church. Indeed, I have no doubt, could an active and prudent missionary be sent there, but a large and respectable society of Episcopalians might soon be established.

I have preached on the subject of the Episcopal and Missionary Funds.

During the past year there have been,—baptisms, adults 22, children 47—69; marriages, 7; burials, 12. Added to the number of communicants:—in Hampton 15, in Granville 8; making the present number in the former place more than 80, in the latter more than 50.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Missionary at Canandaigua, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

As anticipated in the last report, St. John's Church, Canandaigua, was completed by the 1st day of December. It was consecrated on the 12th day of that month by the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, who kindly undertook a journey from New York for the special purpose at that unpleasant season. It has an elegant Gothic front and tower, which have been very generally admired; the interior is perfectly plain, but neat and commodious. On the Sunday after Consecration, the Bishop administered Confirmation to 28 persons, several of whom have since become communicants. We trust, we may say, "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." At present, some diminution in numbers is anticipated, from the expected removal of several families; and the burden of late expenses is peculiarly felt, in consequence of new mercantile difficulties in the western counties: but we doubt not that "all things will work together for good." The Missionary collection yielded \$21 06. From monies received at the Holy Communion, have been purchased 30 Bibles, a few Prayer Books, and some other books; and 2,700 Tracts have been printed here, and mostly distributed, besides a general charity; also, 250 Prayer Books;

purchased by a few individuals, were presented as an oblation, and are distributing.

The services in the west part of the town of Canandaigua are very well attended; when they were begun, there was only one Episcopal family among the worshippers; now, a great proportion unite zealously in the use of the Prayer Book, and seem willing to become fully attached to our Church. At Sulphur Springs and Victor the congregations remain as at the last report.

On the 13th March last I held the first public services of our Church at Rochesterville; since which I have been there several times; and on the 14th July, (the Rev. Mr. Norton also being present,) organized a congregation by the name of St. Luke's Church, Genesee Falls. On the 6th July I held the first services of our Church at Carthage and at Pittsford; both which places I have since visited. On the 26th May, (Whit-Monday,) I held the first services of our Church, at Vienna, which place also I have since visited.

The following statement will show the duties performed: In the village of Canandaigua, services on almost every Sunday; also on Christmas, Good-Friday, and other special occasions: in the *west* part of the town, three or four miles from the village, a third service on every Sunday not stormy. I have visited Rochesterville, on Sundays three times, week days three times; Carthage, on Sundays three times; Pittsford, on Sundays four times; Victor, on Sundays three times, week days three times; Sulphur Springs, on Sundays twice, week days three times; Vienna, on week days twice. I have also, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Johnston, been twice to Batavia—one Sunday and one week day; twice at Le Roy—two week day evenings; and once at Buffalo—held service on a week day, and administered Communion on Sunday. I held service at Auburn on a week day, and administered Communion on Sunday; and once I have exchanged with Rev. Mr. Clark, of Geneva.

St. John's Church, Canandaigua. Baptisms, adults 10, children 27—37; marriages, 3; funerals, 9; communicants, added 11, died 1, removed 5,—present number 24.

Victor. Baptisms, 2; marriage, 1.

Rochesterville. Baptism, 1.

Sulphur Springs. Baptism, 1.

This Missionary offers, as excuse for not attending the last Convention, his removal from New York about three months before, which would have rendered burdensome another journey in so short a time; and for not attending the present Convention, (with other reasons,) the late illness of his family, and its health not being sufficiently re-established for so long an absence.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows :

My services for the year past have been, for the most part, confined to the town of Turin. I have been absent from there but six Sundays: one of which I spent at Hamilton, in the county of St. Lawrence; two at Boonville, Oneida county; two in the towns of Lowville and Leyden; and one in the city of New York, where I came for the purpose of being admitted to the holy order of Priests.

I thought it most advisable that my mission should be chiefly spent in Turin, where I saw a prospect of building up a church, and, through the blessing of God, I have seen it realized. A congregation has been organized: many have become attached to our Liturgy. The corner-stone of a place of worship was laid on the 8th September; the building is now enclosed, and will be ready for consecration early in June next.

Communicants, 16; baptisms, 11; marriages, 2; funerals, 2.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows :

Since the last Convention I have performed Divine service thirty-seven Sundays in St. Paul's Church, Oxford; eleven Sundays in St. Andrew's Church, New Berlin; one Sunday in the village of Binghamton; and three Sundays in the village of Norwich; have, on Sunday evenings and week days, given eighty-four lectures at different places, *viz.*, New Berlin, Columbus, Bridgewater, Norwich, Oxford, Preston, Coventry, Greene, Lysle, and Bainbridge; have baptised seven adults and twelve infants; administered the Holy Communion ten times; performed eight marriages; and attended nine funerals.

In St. Paul's Church, Oxford, the number of communicants is constantly increasing; and I am happy to add, that I believe their attachment to the doctrines and discipline of the Church increases proportionably. Imbibing the pure and evangelical sentiments of our inimitable Liturgy, they, I trust, hold with increasing fidelity, "the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life."

The Church in Binghamton, though destined hitherto to conflict with adversity, will, with suitable exertions, become respectable. An edifice, originally designed for an academy, is now preparing for a church, and will, when completed, be sufficiently large and commodious. From the proceeds of a glebe, and other emoluments, it is thought a salary of six or seven hundred dollars per annum may be there raised for a clergyman.

Although a variety of religious sentiments exist in the village of Norwich, yet, from the number and respectability of our friends

in that place, the prospects of the Church are not discouraging. In future I shall endeavour occasionally to officiate there.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene county, reports to the Bishop as follows :

The year past, since the last Convention, I have officiated two Sundays at Monticello, in the town of Thompson, county of Sullivan, and twice on week days, and baptised seven children. There are about twenty families of Episcopalians in that place—it is the county town. They were anxious to organize a church, accordingly I stayed with them sufficient time to give the statute notice, and organized a church by the name of St. John's. They are anxious to be supplied a part of the time by Missionaries. I also visited the church at Paris by request, and officiated one Sunday, and administered the Communion, and one week day ; at Richfield one Sunday, and one week day ; also one Sunday at Sharon, and three Sundays at Stamford. The Rev. Mr. Huntington has taken the charge of the parish of Stamford, &c., and now resides there. I exchanged one Sunday with Mr. Fuller, at Rensselaerville ; one Sunday did not officiate, being prevented by rain ; the remaining part of my time I have divided equally between the churches at Greeneville, Windham, &c. I frequently have preached three times on Sunday, and many times on week days. The corner-stone of the new church at Windham was laid about the 18th day of June last, and it will be finished in a handsome style. I expect about the 1st day of December next it will be ready for consecration. It is built after the size and model of that at Rensselaerville. It does much credit to the zeal of that congregation. There have been added to the communion at Greeneville and Windham, eight persons this year. I have baptised thirteen children and one adult ; and attended two funerals. I have formed a Bible and Common Prayer Book Society in each of the parishes of Windham and Greeneville, auxiliary to the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society. The whole of the books will be distributed this year in their own parishes. There are about sixty members of the Society at Windham, and a respectable number at Greeneville. It has had a good effect to create love, union, and zeal in the congregation. All will soon be supplied with books, young and old. An elegant large new Bible and Common Prayer Book have been given by the Society at Windham, for the new church. A new set of common furniture has been purchased for the new church. I preached the missionary sermon, and made collection, at Greeneville and Windham, \$10 50.

From the above concise statement, you will see a Divine blessing has attended my labours in some measure this year.

The Rev. Samuel Johnston, Missionary in Genesee and Niagara counties, reports to the Bishop as follows:

On the 11th September I left New York on my mission. I officiated, by invitation, one Sunday in the united parishes of Waterford and Lansingburgh; one Sunday in Schenectady; one Sunday in the vacant parish of Duaneburgh; one Sunday in Auburn, the rector being at Convention. I arrived in Batavia the 16th October, and, agreeably to directions, devoted the most of my missionary labours there. I have officiated twenty Sundays in Batavia; ten at Buffalo; four at Le Roy; two at Sheldon; and, at the request of some members of the Church of England, while officiating at Buffalo, I crossed over to the British lines, and officiated several evenings at Fort Erie and Waterloo, and baptised twelve children. This was done at the request of a magistrate, the Rev. Mr. Addison, of Fort George, being in an enfeebled state of health. I have exchanged with the Rev. Orin Clark, who has performed Divine service for me one Sunday at Batavia, and one Sunday at Vienna. I also exchanged with the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, who officiated one Sunday at Batavia, and one at Buffalo. The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, under whose assiduous labours the church in Batavia was planted, officiated one day, and administered the Holy Communion. Besides the Festivals and Fasts of the Church, I have very frequently performed a third service, and preached many lectures on week days, in places adjacent to organized churches. The congregation at Batavia, being many of them adherents to the Church, required my constant labours. The seed has been sown in season and out of season. The Spirit of the Gospel appears to prevail, and the prospect of an increased zeal for religion is brightening, and we would humbly anticipate fruit unto holiness. They have enclosed a handsome brick church, in the Gothic order; and had it not been for the extreme pressure of the times, it would have been completed before this. In all probability it will be ready for consecration next summer. On the 10th February I organized a church in the flourishing village of Buffalo, by the name of "St. Paul's Church, in Buffalo:" about twenty families attached themselves to it. Their readiness to co-operate with my exertions, and their animated zeal for our Zion, were truly praiseworthy. Five thousand dollars were immediately subscribed towards building a church, but being disappointed in receiving payment for the losses of their buildings last war, it was deferred. They still continue zealous.

On Tuesday, the 8th April, I organized a church by the name of "St. Mark's Church, in Le Roy:" about twenty families are its firm friends, most of them regularly nurtured in the Church, familiar with her doctrines and principles, and alive to her inter-

ests. The utmost harmony prevails in the different denominations, and there are many who serve God in the beauty of holiness. The advantages the place affords for building are such, that it is contemplated soon to build a neat church. Sheldon is a flourishing little Society: the members perform Divine service always when destitute of missionary aid. The field for usefulness is great, but Missionaries, Bibles, Prayer Books, and religious Tracts are greatly needed.

Baptisms, 42; marriages, 2; funerals, 2.

After the Rev. Mr. Norton came, the circuit was left to him. I then returned to the east, and officiated one Sunday at Onondaga; one in Duanesburgh; one at Schenectady, the rector being unwell; one at Ballston Spa, in the absence of the rector; one at Charlton; three at Stillwater; two at Scaghticoke.

I exchanged one Sunday with the Rev. Mr. Butler, and two Sundays with the Rev. Mr. Adams, who supplied Cambridge.

A missionary might be usefully employed for Cambridge, Scaghticoke, and Stillwater.

The Rev. Professor Brownell, of Union College, writes to the Bishop as follows:

After my report to you, about the time of the last annual Convention, I continued to perform Divine service in the College Chapel as before. I also supplied the vacant congregation at Stillwater three Sundays, and the vacant congregation at Duanesburgh four Sundays. It has pleased Divine Providence, however, to interrupt my ministerial labours by a long and severe indisposition, which disqualified me from all active duties for several months. But I have reason to be thankful that this chastisement has been tempered with mercy, and that my health is now nearly restored.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, reports to the Bishop as follows:

My missionary services have been devoted, for the year *past*, as in the *preceding* one, to the destitute congregations in Washington county, and parts adjacent. At Sandy Hill a congregation has been duly organized, under the name of "Zion Church, Sandy Hill." In the last year a number have been added to its communion. And there is apparently a very considerable increase of piety and religious information among those who have been long attached to the Church. Much has been done toward restoring that peace and pureness of living, which must be, in some measure, lost, where a regular attendance on public worship has been, for a long time, suspended. This beneficial effect on the inhabitants

of Sandy Hill *generally*, is to be ascribed to our solemn, appropriate, and excellent Liturgy. By its use, accompanied by that Divine grace which is never withheld from those who rightly use the means God hath appointed, true religion has been successfully nourished and increased. Toward the attainment of this object not a little has been done by what is thought to be a very laudable practice—that of celebrating Divine service, and reading a sermon, in the absence of the clergyman, by a member of the congregation. In this, our Episcopal brethren at Sandy Hill, have, for the year past, steadily persevered. They perceive and acknowledge its utility. Sandy Hill is a village of considerable importance; and there, as well as in its vicinity, are many Episcopalians who earnestly wish for the services of a clergyman, and who would do as much to effect that purpose as their dispersed situation will admit of. With a little assistance their wishes, in this respect, can be accomplished. They have it in view to erect a house for public worship; and the subscription for that purpose is partly filled up: but owing to the pressure of the times, by which the circumstances of several individuals have been materially affected, a sum sufficiently large is not yet raised. It is hoped and expected, however, that, in the following year, the building will be completed. In the minds of many of other denominations in that part of the Diocese, a very favourable impression is made. It is believed there is a fair prospect of their holding with us “the faith in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace.” Under all these circumstances, it is supposed a greater attention may be profitably directed to the spiritual wants of Episcopalians in the north and east part of the State, than has hitherto been given.

In Ticonderoga a congregation has been organized, under the name of “St. Paul’s, Ticonderoga.” Its number is small, but zealously attached to the principles and worship of the Church. Two years since scarcely an Episcopalian was known at that place. In relation to the Church, ignorance universally prevailed. If they could have the service of a clergyman only occasionally, a respectable congregation might now be gained. If a missionary was resident there, or at White Hall, and visited those two places alternately, together with others which intervene, he might be very useful in that part of the country, and soon secure to himself the necessary means of continuing so.

I have preached twice in Cambridge to a small, but very attentive congregation: though they have but recently called for the service of the Church, the prospect is highly favourable. At Caldwell, a village at the head of Lake George, there are several Episcopalians; and it was with much satisfaction I perceived their

readiness to avail themselves of the service of the Church. Caldwell is twelve miles from Sandy Hill, and could be conveniently visited on week days, as well as occasionally on Sundays, by the clergymen who shall be resident at the last mentioned place. This remark applies, also, to Cambridge, which is twenty-seven miles from Sandy Hill.

I also visited, in the course of my mission, the village of Plattsburgh, in company with the Rev. Mr. Jewett. From conversation with several of the most influential characters, and earnest and repeated requests of others, I have no doubt but that, if a missionary was stationed there, the arrangement would be found to be highly useful. The Bishop may readily perceive how little effect, comparatively speaking, the labours of a clergyman must necessarily have, when obliged to traverse so large an extent of country as I have been called to do in the course of my mission. If the Church does not appear so prosperous in this part of the Diocese as in many others, it may be apologized for by the single fact, that in an extent of country one hundred miles in length, and from twenty to thirty in breadth, in which there are but few towns where a sufficient number of Episcopalians may not be found to celebrate the service with order and propriety, there are but *two clergymen*.

With pleasure I mention, and gratefully acknowledge the assistance I have received from the Rev. Mr. Jewett, by his administration of the Communion to the churches of Sandy Hill and Ticonderoga. The effect which this and other ordinances have produced, when reverently used and esteemed, has impressed me with a lively sense of their importance, and with an additional reason for a faithful adherence to their use. I deem it proper to state, that a "Society for the Distribution of Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and Tracts," has been formed for the counties of Washington, Warren, and Essex. It promises to do much toward building up the spiritual Zion, and thus be a mean of increasing the glory of the Church.

I have officiated twenty-one Sundays at Sandy Hill; sixteen at Ticonderoga; three at Hampton, by exchange with the Rev. Mr. Jewett; also, by exchange with him, two at Granville Corner; one at Hartford; one at Caldwell; two at Cambridge; one in Plattsburgh.

Zion Church, Sandy Hill. Baptisms, adults 2, infants 3—5; funerals, 3; communicants, 35; marriages, 2.

St. Paul's Church, Ticonderoga. Baptism, 1 infant; communicants, 10.

Occasional service as often as congregations could be conveniently assembled.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, officiating Minister and Missionary at Butternutts, Unadilla, and parts adjacent, reports generally, that it is with high satisfaction he has continued to witness, for the year past, the increasing prosperity of the churches under his care.

The circuit through which he has travelled, although not extensive, has imposed upon him much labour and fatigue. He has travelled for every other Sunday's service, at least twenty miles from home, and preached usually three times on Sundays, and given weekly lectures.

In all the places where he has laboured in his missionary service, he has found prompt attention paid to the word spoken, and the return of gratitude for sacramental privileges. Pious people appear to be animated in the success of the Church, and really encouraged with the thought, that her apostolical ministry and evangelical service, will, at length, rise in their power and splendour, and secure generally the admiration of Christians.

From the information which he has collected in his vicinity, he has a confidence in stating, that doubtless many will rejoice eternally in consequence of missionary labours. In the counties around him there is abundance of room for exertion, and a great call for Gospel instruction. The people have generally requested a longer visit than he has been able to grant. "May the LORD send forth labourers into His harvest."

In the congregation of Butternutts he has witnessed a renewed ardour for the interests of the Church since the last Convention. The present edifice is small and inconvenient. It was erected many years since, when the people were indigent, and the number of Churchmen very small, and never consecrated. There are now ample provisions made for building an elegant church.

Baptisms, 25; deaths, 3; the number of communicants, about 90.

The congregation of Unadilla is not less distinguished for zeal and attachment to the services of the Church. The audience has been gradually increasing for the year past. Many have been added to the communion. And on the whole, the present state of improvement is such as cannot fail to delight and invigorate the friends of the Redeemer, and call forth their devout gratitude for the hitherto continued evidences of His grace.

Baptisms, 15; deaths, 3; communicants, 50.

He has visited the churches at Windsor and Binghamton, Broome county; and the Church societies at Masonville and Franklin, Delaware county, and at Coventry and Bainbridge, Chenango county. He has preached at Burlington, in Otsego county, where a contribution has been made of \$500 for the purpose of building a small church. Nothing can be more encour-

aging to the missionary than to behold evidence in the fruits of his labour, that the great Head of the Church is diffusing a spirit of evangelical supplication, and "adding to the Church such as shall be saved."

Communicants, Windsor 25, Coventry 10—35; Baptisms in these places, 10.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Missionary at Huntington, Islip, and Setauket, reports as follows:

Huntington.—I have performed Divine service five times within the last year to a respectable congregation; my appointments at my other churches not permitting me to attend oftener. The want of some active zealous person as a leader, is the only apparent cause why this congregation does not grow: my distant situation, twenty-five miles, prevents my spending much time with them.

Islip.—This congregation is in a flourishing state: the people grow more fond of the Church, attend steadily, and appear devout.

Setauket.—This congregation has not altered materially during the last year; the pecuniary embarrassments which have prevailed through the country have fallen extremely hard upon this society. At the request of a few individuals at a place about four miles from the church, I have, during the summer, after service in the afternoon, performed a third service and preached a sermon in a private house; this has been done every third Sunday.

My time is properly and regularly divided between the churches of Islip and Setauket—the first takes one-third; the other, two-thirds: besides this regular duty, I have preached about fifteen lectures at different places and on different occasions.

Setauket, baptisms 3, marriages 3, funerals 5; Islip, baptisms, 9.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario and the adjacent counties, writes to the Bishop as follows:

Since the date of my last report I have devoted my time in such a manner as appeared to me most conducive to the interests of the Church in this part of the Diocese. I have spent twenty-three Sundays in Richmond; fifteen in Avon; three in Pulteneyville; three in Buffalo; one in Livonia, eight miles west from Richmond; one at Manlius; and two in Batavia. In most of these places the Church is in a very flourishing condition. The Rev. Mr. Johnston, while in this country, with others of the above-named places, occasionally visited Sheldon; and the Rev. Mr. Norton has visited Catharine. I shall, in a few days, make another visit to Buffalo, taking in Sheldon on my way back. I

purpose to visit Catharine soon. We much need a larger number of Missionaries employed here, and I much regret that the state of the fund will not allow us more. It is of the utmost importance that we succeed in making a permanent establishment at Buffalo; and I trust that I shall realize the hope that a Missionary, possessing talents and experience sufficient, by the grace of God, to ensure him the confidence of the people there, will soon be sent out. They will exert themselves to do much, provided they receive a little encouragement. They are ardent and zealous in the cause of the Church and religion, and only need a little assistance. This assistance, I am sure, if there are any means, cannot long be withheld, since the local situation of Buffalo renders it highly important that the Church be firmly established there. Besides these places where the Church is already established, there are many others where it might be. In East Bloomfield, which has always been deemed the least likely to encourage the establishment of an Episcopal society, I have the fullest confidence one might be formed, and a church speedily built, provided we had a little more missionary aid. In Livonia, where I have performed service once, there are now Episcopalians enough to organize a society with every prospect of success and increase. Many other places might be named, but it is needless. We are well aware, Right Reverend Sir, that you have full knowledge of our necessities, and will render us all the assistance in your power. We could wish, however, that the wealthy part of the Laity of our Church felt the importance of the subject more.

When I first visited Richmond, (formerly Honeyoye,) there were only eight persons there resident who were communicants, and only twelve who responded in the service. A church has since been built and finished: there are as many as fifty communicants, and, I think, not less than one hundred and fifty persons who join in the service. This, it will be acknowledged, is an encouraging increase.

If there are any Prayer Books to be distributed, let me entreat that they be sent out soon. I have received none from New York since the last Convention; and one thousand could be disposed of to the best advantage.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent, writes to the Bishop as follows:

The state of the churches in the county of Onondaga, and parts adjacent, is much as it was last year, with, generally, an increase of numbers. During the present year I have performed Divine service statedly at Manlius and Lenox. I have also visited and performed Divine service in Oswego, Tully, Preble, Onondaga Hill, Lock, Dryden, Auburn, and Skaneateles; and at some of

these places many times. A respectable society might be formed in Lock and Dryden, were not these places too distant from the station of any missionary. There are in them not less than twenty-five families of confirmed Episcopalians.

But Oswego deserves the most attention. The place seems designed by nature to be important; the inhabitants, mostly friends to the Church, are people of considerable learning, talents, and refinement; yet it is so distant from the churches in this county, and the road to it is so excessively bad, that it is impossible for any missionary, not resident there, to supply the place with the service of the Church regularly at stated times. And as there are other villages in the county where churches may be organized, I think there cannot be a place in the Diocese where a missionary is more wanted, or where one can do more to the building up of the Church.

During the illness of Mr. Gear, I officiated for him at Onondaga and Tully. The Church is promising in those places. The church at Manlius has now seventy communicants; at Lenox or Smithfield twenty-five; at Tully there are ten; at Lock and Dryden about twenty.

My number of baptisms has been, infants 35, adults 10—45; marriages, 6; deaths, 2.

Besides what is now reported, in July I visited the Onondaga tribe of Indians, in company with Mr. Williams, of Oneida, and the Rev. Mr. Gear. I administered Baptism to fifteen, and Mr. Gear to four or five. I found many of these people what I did not expect: one-half of the tribe, at least, friends to Christianity, and acquainted with the elementary principles of the Gospel. They are intelligent, temperate, and honest: but there are many of the tribe yet idolaters—yet in bondage to the superstitions of Paganism; still such do not refuse to hear. And these miserable people are objects for the most important labours of an evangelist. Those who are Christians, were, many of them, by their conversation, long ago, true converts to the Church; and all of them, through the influence of Mr. Williams, are disposed to hear from her ministers in preference to others. But a catechist might be placed among them with no small advantage.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego county, &c., reports to the Bishop as follows:

It was not until near the close of the last winter that I had so far recovered from the severe wounds I had received from being thrown from my carriage, as to be able to attend to my missionary duties. The first place I visited was the town of Verona, in the county of Oneida, where I attended Divine service, and preached to a decent congregation. I baptised one adult and five

children ; after which I administered the Holy Sacrament to a small number of very devout communicants. I also preached at the Oneida Castle, to a remarkably attentive audience of white people and Indians, and baptised one adult. Mr. Williams, the catechist, explained my discourse to the Oneidas, and attended prayers in their language. It is but seldom that so much solemnity is seen in any congregation. Mr. Williams was spoken of with much approbation in the neighbourhood where he resides ; and, as far as I could observe, was doing much good.

I have also visited the churches at Butternutts and Unadilla, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Russel Wheeler, and found the congregations in a flourishing state, under his ministry. A spirit of real piety appears to increase.

I have likewise visited New Berlin : the Church in that place has increased, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Lacey.

I have preached in Cherry Valley, Westford, and Milford : in all those places I was received with affection, and the congregations were solemn and respectable. I have occasionally preached in the neighbouring towns, and attended catechetical lectures.

The last place I visited was Paris, in Oneida county. The Church there is in excellent order.

The congregations under my more immediate care are nearly in the same situation as when I made my last report. The number of communicants gradually increases, so that we now have, including Richfield, about 120.

Baptisms, adults 4, children 31—35; marriages, 9; funerals, 8.

The reason why the number of baptisms fall short of my former reports, is because I have not had time to attend upon all the families who have spoken to me on the subject.

The people at Butternutts have raised sufficient money to build a very handsome church. At Paris, also, while I was present, they subscribed nearly two thousand dollars, and were in sanguine expectation of obtaining as much as three thousand. In both those places churches will be erected next season. One farmer at Paris, together with his sons, young men, subscribed four hundred and seventy-five dollars. I mention this because it discovered that zeal and affection for the Church which you will highly approve of.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, Missionary in Onondaga county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows :

Since my last report I have performed Divine service twenty-four Sundays at Onondaga ; ten Sundays at Tully ; seven Sundays at Oswego ; two Sundays at Skaneateles ; one Sunday at Eaton ; and exchanged two Sundays with the Rev. William A. Clark, of Manlius, who officiated for me at Tully and Onondaga.

A congregation has been organized at Oswego, and a house for worship is nearly completed at Onondaga. I am happy to state that there has been an increase of piety and numbers in all the congregations that I have visited.

Baptisms, adults 4, infants 32—36; funerals, 2; marriages, 3.

The Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon, officiating in Auburn, and its vicinity, writes to the Bishop as follows:

The two Sundays succeeding my ordination, in June last, I spent in Athens and Cattskill, and the next in Whitesborough, preaching once in each place. The gradual recovery of my health, and other causes led to this delay. Since that time I have *spent* twelve Sundays in Auburn, and, excepting one Sunday on which the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk preached and administered the Communion, have *preached*. I have since *exchanged* one Sunday with the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, at Canandaigua; three Sundays I have appropriated to St. Andrew's Church, Indian Fields, Genoa.

St. Peter's Church, Auburn. Baptisms, infants, 6; burials, infants, 5; communicants, 25.

St. Andrew's Church, Genoa. Baptisms, infants, 2.

I wish claims in other quarters may not occasion our necessities to be wholly overlooked. Prayer Books are much wanted, and I think I could distribute many with lasting advantage to the Church. I hope as many as can be spared will be sent.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Deacon, officiating in the western parts of the State, writes to the Bishop as follows:

Since returning to the place of my residence, in the month of June last, my services have been principally devoted to the vacant congregations in this section of the Diocese. I have performed Divine service on Sundays at the following places: at Rochester four times, at Buffalo twice, at Batavia once, at Le Roy once, at Pulteneyville once, and once at Catharine Town; besides which, I have officiated two Sundays at Canandaigua, two Sundays at Geneva, and one at Auburn.

The churches which have been established west of the Genesee River will, I think, ere long, become very respectable, if they can receive the regular ministrations of clergymen. A very extensive field is open in that quarter for the labours of missionaries, and at least three or four at this time might find ample employment.

At Rochester, where a church was organized in the month of July last, I think there is a prospect of raising up a flourishing congregation. The Society, I am in hopes, will be able, in the course of the ensuing year, to erect a house of worship.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Clergy rendered the following Parochial Reports :

St. Peter's Church, Waterville, Delaware county ; Rev. David Huntington, Minister.—The present minister commenced his services in August last. Baptisms, 40 ; death, 1 ; communicants, about 30.

Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, St. Philip's Church, Philipstown, Putnam county, and St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, West Chester county ; Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Minister.—The congregations in these places have been in a depressed state, in consequence of having been destitute of the regular services of a clergyman for some time past : the two last particularly, which have been the longest destitute. They now appear to be rising from their depression. Since the last return, there has been a small increase of communicants in Fishkill. Baptisms, in Fishkill, infants 2 ; in Philipstown, adult 1, infants 10—11.

The minister of the above churches has once visited the congregation in Coldenham, Orange county ; performed Divine service, preached, and baptised one infant.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county ; Rev. John M'Vickar, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 4, infants 10—14 ; deaths, 4 ; communicants, 61.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county ; Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Families, about 100 ; baptisms, 36 ; communicants, 104.

St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county ; Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister.—Marriage, 1 ; funerals, 3 ; baptisms, 6 ; communicants, 25.

*St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island ;** Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister.—The present minister commenced his services in July last. Communicants, added 20, removed and deceased 2,—present number 135 ; baptisms, 27 ; marriages, 3 ; funerals, 14.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county ; Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 20—21 ; marriages, 2 ; funerals, 9 ; communicants, removed, 2,—present number 40.

Christ Church, New York ; Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 61 ; marriages, 35 ; communicants, 300.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

French Church Du St. Esprit, New York ; Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Rector.—Baptisms, infants, 15 ; marriages, 6 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 15.

The services of the Church are here celebrated in the French language.

Grace Church, New York ; Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 32 ; marriages, 9 ; communicants, about 170 ; burials, none registered in this church, there being no burial ground attached or belonging to it.

St. George's Church, New York ; Rev. James Milnor, Rector.—Communicants, added 121, died 8, removed 5,—present number, 243 ; marriages, 17 ; baptisms, 91 ; funerals,—there is no place of burial attached to this church, except a few vaults in the church-yard. The interments of its members have generally been made in the cemeteries of Trinity Church, and are presumed to be recorded in that parish.

St. James' Church, New York ; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector.—Baptisms, 2 ; marriage, 1 ; burial, 1 ; communicants, (not included in other parochial reports,) 8.

Since the last report, one communicant has removed, and two have been added.

St. Michael's Church, New York ; Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Minister.—Baptisms, 4 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 3 ; communicants, 26.

Since the last report, two communicants have died, five removed, five been added, and one suspended.

St. Mark's Church, New York ; Rev. William Creighton, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 22, adults 4—26 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 9 ; communicants, about 100.

St. Stephen's Church, New York ; Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 12, infants 165—177 ; marriages, 48 ; communicants, deaths and removals, 22, added 28,—present number 400.

Trinity Church, with St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapels, New York ; Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, children and infants 193—199 ; marriages, 77 ; burials, 589 ; communicants, about 750.

Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county ; Rev. Amos G. Bald-

win, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 4, children 25—29; marriages, 7; communicants, 59.

The rector of this church visited the Oneida Indians last summer, preached to them through an interpreter, administered the LORD'S Supper, and baptised nine or ten children.

St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county; Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister.—The present minister commenced his services in the month of June last. Baptisms, adult 1, infants 4—5; burial, 1; marriage, 1; communicants, 17.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county; Rev. John Brown, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, children 54—61; marriages, 5; burials, 11; families, 40; communicants, added 17, died and removed 4,—present number, 36.

In October last, the rector of this Church officiated in the village of Monticello, Sullivan county, to a very respectable congregation. This being the first time the service of the Church had been performed in this county, her friends were so far encouraged as to organize themselves shortly after, under the direction of the Rev. James Thompson, by the name of St. John's Church. Mr. Brown has occasionally visited this congregation since, and has baptised two children. If missionary aid could be extended to them (of which they are very desirous,) there is but little doubt that the Church would prosper.

Agreeably to appointment, Mr. Brown has officiated in St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county, administered the Holy Communion, and baptised three children. This congregation would, no doubt, flourish under the faithful services of a minister. He also visited (previously to the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck there,) Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, performed Divine service, attended one funeral, and baptised one child.¹

St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island; Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Communicants, 45; baptisms, 11; marriages, 8; funerals, 12.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, with Christ Chapel, North Hempstead, Long Island; Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 10, infants 28—38; marriages, 27; burials, 24; communicants, about 120.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island; Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 4, infants 12—16; funerals, 7; communicants, about 49.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island ; Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 14—15 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 50.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and *Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county* ;* Rev. Parker Adams, Rector.—Baptisms, in these parishes 7, in other places 9—16 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 5 ; communicants, 46.

The rector of these churches has performed Divine service, and preached one Sunday at Stillwater, three Sundays in Cambridge, and one in Vergennes, Vermont.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county ; Rev. David Butler, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 33, adults 5—38 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 13 ; communicants, 126.

The rector of this church has visited Caldwell, Warren county, performed Divine service there on Sunday, and baptised four children. He has likewise performed Divine service on Sunday in Cambridge, Washington county.

St. Andrew's Church, with Trinity Chapel, Staten Island ; Rev. David Moore, Rector.—Families, 400 ; baptisms, 60 ; funerals, 33 ; marriages, 6 ; communicants, 270.

Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county ; Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Deacon, Minister.—The present minister commenced his duties in this parish on the second Sunday in June. He found the congregation in a very depressed state: a long time having elapsed since the service of the Church had been regularly performed.

To the liberality of the late Judge Duane, by whom the church was erected, and to his heirs, the parish is indebted for the use of a glebe lot, containing 105 acres, a considerable part of which is cultivated. To the above-mentioned lot has been added another, containing 15 acres, by Mrs. Duane, widow of the late Judge Duane, who, with a liberality highly creditable, and a zeal for the interest of the Church worthy of imitation, has erected on said lot a very neat and commodious house, with other buildings, for the residence and accommodation of the rector or minister of the church. Said lot and buildings have been assigned over to a Board of Trustees, of which the Bishop of this Diocese, for the time being, is a member; to be held by them in trust, for the sole use and benefit of the rector or minister for the time being.

Baptisms, 8 ; burial, 1 ; communicants, 15.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

The minister observes with great satisfaction, that there is an increasing reverence of deportment, and attention to the service, generally manifested.

St. George's Church, Schenectady; Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, children 40, adult 1—41; marriages, 23; funerals, 5; communicants, 72.

During the past year, several have been added to the communion, but there appears to have been nearly an equal number of removals: the whole number, therefore, remains about the same.

In compliance with the appointment of the Bishop, the rector of this church has performed Divine service in Christ Church, Duaneburgh, one Sunday.

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county; Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 36, children 45—81; marriages, 3; funerals, 2; communicants, (increase 23,) 48.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county; Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 9, infants 8—17; marriages, 2; funerals, 5; communicants, 20.

Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Marriages, 9; baptisms, 19; funerals, 8; communicants, about 50.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester; Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 5; marriages, 4; communicants, about 30.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county; Rev. William Powell, Minister.—Baptisms, 15; marriages, 13; communicants, 48; funerals, 14.

The Clergy were called on for an account of the sums collected in their several churches, for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds; and, agreeably to a resolution of the Convention of 1815, a statement is here subjoined.

	Missionary. \$ CTS.	Episcopal. \$ CTS.
St. Peter's Church, Albany,		11 30
Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county, .	4 83	2 81
Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, .	13 50	
St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county,	12 16	12 16
St. Paul's Church, Durham, Greene county, .	2 44	1 06
Christ Church, Greenville, and Trinity Church, Windham, Greene county,	10 50	

	Missionary. \$ CTS.	Episcopal. \$ CTS.
Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county, . . .	10 00	
St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island, . . .	42 00	
St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery co., . . .		9 00
Christ Church, New York,	154 63	55 83
French Church Du St. Esprit, New York,	71 40	35 00
Grace Church, New York,	248 67	120 74
St. George's Church, New York,	155 65	76 56
St. James' and St. Michael's Church, New York,		35 18
St. Mark's Church, New York,	35 80	30 88
St. Stephen's Church, New York—two collections,	129 93	
Trinity Church, New York,	200 51	74 38
St. Paul's Chapel, New York,	182 00	95 00
St. John's Chapel, New York,	84 28	58 59
Added since by a member of the congregation,	12 00	
Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county,	26 00	
St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county,	21 06	
St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county,	12 25	10 00
St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county,	5 75	9 62
Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county,		4 50
St. Philip's Church, Philipstown, Putnam county,*	2 75	
St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island,	13 37	6 00
Collected last year, but not then returned,	20 43	
St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island,	18 52	16 18
St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island,	16 19	
Subscribed by young ladies of the congregation,	36 27	
St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county,	43 75	
St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county,		2 50
St. George's Church, Schenectady,		14 50
St. John's Church, Islip, Long Island,	3 00	
Caroline Church, Setauket, Long Island,	3 50	
Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county,	7 12	1 07
St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, West Chester county,	5 39	
Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county,†	14 13	7 26
St. Peter's Church, West Chester,	31 50	18 28
St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county,	25 72	9 02

The Treasurer of the Convention submitted his report, from which it appeared that the increase of the Episcopal Fund,‡ during the past year, has been \$1979 41, and that its present aggregate amount is \$16,124 38.

* The congregation in Phillipstown had incorrectly received notice, that there would not be service on the day appointed for the collection. This may account for the smallness of the return.

† Collections were made last year in this church for both funds, but notice of them in the printed Journal was inadvertently omitted.

‡ The Episcopal Fund, formed of annual collections for the purpose, is to be permitted to accumulate, without diminution, until its annual profits become adequate to the support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the report be accepted, and that the thanks of the Convention be returned to Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wageningen, for his faithful services as Treasurer.

The following gentlemen were elected Delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rev. David Butler, Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D. ; Hon. Rufus King, Dr. John Onderdonk, Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Esq., Mr. William Ogden.

The following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee of this Diocese :

Rev. William Harris, D. D., Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D. ; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. Matthew Clarkson, Mr. William Ogden, Nicholas Fish, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected Members of the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York, of which the Bishop of the Diocese is (*ex-officio*) President :

Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D., Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rev. Henry J. Feltus ; Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wageningen, Dr. John Onderdonk, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq.

Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wageningen was elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The Clergy who were appointed at the last Convention, agreeably to a canon of this Church of 1806, to officiate in vacant parishes within this Diocese, were called on agreeably to the same canon, "for an account of the fulfilment of the duty, and to report concerning the state of the parishes which they have visited ;" and the following appointments were made for the ensuing year : the Clergy to supply the congregations annexed to their names respectively, at such times as they may deem most convenient and proper.

The Rev. Mr. Haskell, the Rev. Mr. Powell, and the Rev. Mr. Kearny, the vacant parishes in West Chester county.

The Rev. Mr. Powell, the Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck, and the Rev. Mr. Cadle, St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson, the Rev. Mr. Brown, and the Rev. Mr. Cadle, St. John's Church, Monticello, Sullivan county.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rev. Dr. Bruce, the vacant parishes in Saratoga county.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, and the Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck, the vacant parishes in Dutchess and Putnam counties.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Bishop of the Prot. Episc. Church in the State of New York, and President of the Convention.

Attested,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary*.

A P P E N D I X .

EXTRACTS

*From the Journal of the House of Bishops, in the late General Convention,
Ordered to be printed with this Journal.*

SATURDAY, May 24.

Resolved, That the following be entered on the Journal of this House, and be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies :

The House of Bishops, impressed with the importance of informing the youth and others in the Doctrines, Constitution, and Liturgy of the Church, deem it their duty to call the attention of the Clergy to the 22d canon, which enjoins on them diligence in catechetical instruction and lectures. The Bishops consider these as among the most important duties of clergymen, and among the most effectual means of promoting religious knowledge and practical piety.

TUESDAY, May 27.

Resolved, That the following be entered on the Journal of this House, and be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be read therein :

The House of Bishops, solicitous for the preservation of the purity of the Church, and the piety of its members, are induced to impress upon the Clergy the important duty, with a discreet but earnest zeal, of warning the people of their respective cures, of the danger of an indulgence in those worldly pleasures which may tend to withdraw the affections from spiritual things. And especially on the subject of gaming, of amusements involving

cruelty to the brute creation, and of theatrical representations, to which some peculiar circumstances have called their attention,—they do not hesitate to express their unanimous opinion, that these amusements, as well from their licentious tendency, as from the strong temptations to vice which they afford, ought not to be frequented. And the Bishops cannot refrain from expressing their deep regret at the information that in some of our large cities, so little respect is paid to the feelings of the members of the Church, that theatrical representations are fixed for the evenings of her most solemn festivals.

MISSIONARIES.

The salaries of the following missionaries, *viz.*, the Rev. Samuel Johnson, the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, and the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, are paid from the funds procured by “the Protestant Episcopal Society of Young Men, and others;” they are, therefore, to be designated as Missionaries aided by that Society.

THIRTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

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THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On Tuesday, Oct. 20th, and Wednesday, Oct. 21st, A. D. 1818.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, including St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, New York.

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county.

The Rev. David Brown, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.

The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county.

The Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county.

The Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, in Albany and Greene counties.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, including Christ Chapel, North Hempstead, Queen's county.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, New York.

The Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. John M'Vickar, Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy, in Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, including Trinity Chapel, Staten Island.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.

The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pénéveyre, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Suffolk county.

The Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county.

The following Clergy, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Parker Adams, late Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.

The Rev. George B. Andrews, Deacon, residing in Redhook, Dutchess county.

The Rev. James W. Eastburn, Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. John Grigg, jun., Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon.

The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Deacon, residing in Claverack, Columbia county.

The Rev. Amos Pardee.

The Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county.

The Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.

The Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. Peter G. Clark, Deacon,

The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Deacon,

The Rev. James Keeler, Deacon,

The Rev. Samuel Nicholls, Deacon,

The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble,

The Rev. Reuben Sherwood.

The Rev. John Croes, jun., of New Jersey.

Of this Diocese.

of Connecticut.

LAY DELEGATES.

Columbia county.

Hudson, Christ Church, J. R. Van Rensselaer, — Fleming.

Dutchess county.

Fishkill, Trinity Church, Daniel C. Verplanck, Abraham Weeks.
Hyde Park, St. James' Church, Benjamin Allen.
Poughkeepsie, Christ Church, James Emott, Thomas J. Oakley,
Philo Ruggles.
Redhook, St. Paul's Church, Robert L. Livingston, Ebenezer
Punderson.

King's county.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church, William Cornwell, William
Grigg, Charles Hewlett.

Montgomery county.

Johnstown, St. John's Church, Nicholas Philpot.

City and county of New York.

Christ Church, George Dominick, Israel Horsfield, Floyd
Smith.
French Church Du St. Esprit, Jacob Schieffelin.
Grace Church, David B. Ogden, John Wells.
St. George's Church, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, James D. L.
Walton, Harry Peters.
St. James' Church, Peter Schermerhorn, Martin Hoffman.
St. Mark's Church, Clement C. Moore, Nicholas Fish.
St. Michael's Church, Valentine Nutter, William A. Davis,
Isaac Jones.
St. Stephen's Church, Marinus Willett, Daniel Mersereau,
James Smith.
Trinity Church, Richard Harison, Nehemiah Rogers, Thomas
L. Ogden, Joshua Jones.

Orange county.

Coldenham, St. Andrew's Church, David Ruggles.
Goshen, St. James' Church, John Duer, Henry G. Wisner.
Newburgh, St. George's Church, Johnson Verplanck.
New Windsor, St. Thomas' Church, Charles Ludlow.

Queen's county.

Flushing, St. George's Church, William Prince.
Hempstead, St. George's Church, George Hulett.
Jamaica, Grace Church, Timothy Nostrand, John Skidmore.
Newtown, St. James' Church, Timothy Roach, Benjamin
Moore, John Alsop.

Rensselaer county.

Troy, St. Paul's Church, Esaias Warren.

Richmond county.

Richmond, St. Andrew's Church, Nathaniel Britten, Walter Dongan.

Schenectady county.

Duanesburgh, Christ Church, G. W. Featherstonhaugh.
Schenectady, St. George's Church, William Richmond.

Suffolk county.

Islip, St. John's Church, John T. Champlin.

Sullivan county.

Monticello, St. John's Church, Livingston Billings.

Washington county.

Sandy Hill, Zion Church, Zina Hitchcock.

West Chester county.

Bedford and Northcastle, St. Matthew's Church, William Jay.
East Chester, St. Paul's Church, John Townsend, William Popham.

Mamaroneck, St. Thomas' Church, William Delancey.

New Rochelle, Trinity Church, Gideon Cogershell.

North Salem, St. James' Church, Epenetus Wallace.

Rye, Christ Church, Jonathan Purdy, Peter J. Munro.

West Chester, St. Peter's Church, Abijah Hammond.

Yonkers, St. John's Church, Henry White, Isaac Vermillyea.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were not present during this session :

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M.D., Rector, of Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county.

The Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Buffalo, Niagara county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary at Onondaga, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary in Washington county.

The Rev. Daniel McDonald, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. James Milnor, Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego and Chenango counties.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Deacon, Missionary in Ontario and Seneca counties.

The Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario, and adjacent counties.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 1818.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, for the meeting of the annual Convention of the same, the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church, in the city of New York, which had been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; and an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York. The Bishop then held an ordination, and admitted to the holy order of Deacons, George B. Andrews, James W. Eastburn, John Grigg, jun., and George Upfold, M. D., of this Diocese; and Peter G. Clark, Origen P. Holcomb, and James Keeler, of Connecticut.

The Convention then assembled, and a list of the Clergy entitled to seats being called over, agreeably to the second canon of this Diocese of 1803, the following answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. David Brown, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; the Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county; the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; the Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York; the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; the Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary in Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county; the Rev.

Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, New York; the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of Grace Church, New York; the Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county; the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; the Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties; the Rev. Eli Wheeler, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D.D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county.

The following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their respective appointments, which were read, and approved, and they accordingly took their seats in the Convention:

From Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county, Jacob R. Van Rensselaer, — Fleming; from Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, Daniel C. Verplanck; from St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, Benjamin Allen; from Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, James Emott, Thomas J. Oakley, Philo Ruggles; from St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county, Robert L. Livingston; from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county, William Cornwell, William Grigg, Charles Hewlett; from St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, Nicholas Philpot; from Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Israel Horsfield; from the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, Jacob Schieffelin; from Grace Church, New York, David B. Ogden, John Wells; from St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, James D. L. Walton; from St. James' Church, New York, Peter Schermerhorn, Martin Hoffman; from St. Mark's Church, New York, Clement C. Moore, Nicholas Fish; from St. Michael's Church, New York, Valentine Nutter; from St. Stephen's Church, New

York, Marinus Willett, Daniel Mersereau ; from Trinity Church, New York, Nehemiah Rogers, Thomas L. Ogden, Joshua Jones ; from St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county, David Ruggles ; from St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county, Johnson Verplanck ; from St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county, George Hulett ; from Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county, Timothy Nostrand ; from St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county, Timothy Roach, Benjamin Moore, John Alsop ; from St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, Richmond county, Nathaniel Britten, Walter Dongan ; from St. George's Church, Schenectady, William Richmond ; from St. John's Church, Islip, Suffolk county, John T. Champlin ; from St. Matthew's Church, Bedford and Northcastle, West Chester county, William Jay ; from St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county, John Townsend, William Popham ; from St. Thomas' Church, Mamaroneck, West Chester county, William De Lancey ; from Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county, Gideon Cogershell ; from St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county, Abijah Hammond ; from St. John's Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Isaac Vermilyea.

Certificates were read, and severally approved, of the incorporation of St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, Orange county ; Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington county ; and St. Paul's Church, Turin, Lewis county ; and the said churches were received into union with this Convention.

Certificates were read, and severally approved, of the appointment of Charles Ludlow, as a Lay Delegate from St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, Orange county ; and of Zina Hitchcock, as a Lay Delegate from Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington county ; and those gentlemen took their seats accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes took his seat accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city of New York during the session of this Convention, and are not members thereof, be admitted to its sittings.

Agreeably to this resolution, the following clergymen took their seats :

The Rev. Parker Adams, late Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county ; the Rev. George B. Andrews, Deacon, residing in Redhook, Dutchess county ; the Rev. James W. Eastburn, Deacon, residing in New York ; the Rev. John Grigg, jun., Deacon, residing in New York ; the Rev. Ravaud Kearney, Minister of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county ; the Rev. Thomas Osborne, Deacon, residing in Claverack, Columbia county ; the Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county ; the Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, residing in New York ; the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county ; the Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, residing in New York, of this Diocese ; the Rev. Peter G. Clark, Deacon, the Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Deacon, the Rev. James Keeler, Deacon, the Rev. Samuel Nicholls, Deacon, the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, the Rev. Reuben Sherwood, of Connecticut.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk was chosen.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The following Clergy, members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared, and took their seats :

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county ; the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county ; Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county ; the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York ; the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county ; the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent ; the Rev.

William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York; the Rev. John M'Vickar, Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy, in Columbia College, New York; the Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Suffolk county.

The following Lay Delegates, having produced testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read and approved, took their seats accordingly :

From Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, Abraham Weeks; from St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county, Ebenezer Punderson; from Christ Church, New York, Floyd Smith; from St. George's Church, New York, Harry Peters; from St. Michael's Church, New York, William A. Davis, Isaac Jones; from St. Stephen's Church, New York, James Smith; from Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison; from St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county, John Duer, Henry G. Wisner; from St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county, William Prince; from Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county, John Skidmore; from St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county, Esaias Warren; from Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county, G. W. Featherstonhaugh; from St. John's Church, Monticello, Sullivan county, Livingston Billings; from St. James' Church, North Salem, West Chester county, Epenetus Wallace; from Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county, Jonathan Purdy, Peter J. Munro.

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, admitting to the sittings of this Convention, clergymen who are not members thereof, the following gentlemen took their seats :

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon; and the Rev. Amos Pardee, of this Diocese; and the Rev. John Croes, jun., of New Jersey.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read, and approved.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

The attendance at this Convention of so large a proportion of the Clergy, and of so numerous and respectable a delegation from the Laity, may be regarded as a gratifying evidence of an increasing zeal for the interests of our Church.

It is my duty, in pursuance of one of the canons, to lay before you a view of my official acts since the last annual Convention.

In the month of June last, I visited the church at Windham, Greene county, and also performed Divine service at Catskill, Athens, and Hudson.

In the month of July, I visited the church at Yonkers, West Chester county, which has recently, in the interior, been repaired and altered in a very handsome manner.

In the month of August, I visited Christ Church, Ballston Spa, and the churches at Milton and Charlton, Saratoga county; Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county; St. Paul's Church, Turin, on the Black River, Lewis county; St. Paul's Church, Waddington, on the St. Lawrence, and the church at Russell, St. Lawrence county; Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county; St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county; and St. George's Church, Schenectady; and also performed Divine service in the course of this visitation, in Lowville, Lewis county, and Ogdensburgh and Potsdam, St. Lawrence county.

In the month of September, I visited the churches at Duanesburgh, Schenectady county; Paris, and the Oneida Castle, Oneida county; Manlius, and Onondaga, West Hill, Onondaga county; Auburn, Cayuga county; Geneva, Pulteneyville, Canandaigua, Victor, Pittsford, Rochester, Richmond, and Avon, and performed Divine service at the town of Pennfield, Ontario county. The congregations at Le Roy and Batavia, Genesee county, and Buffalo, Niagara county, were also visited. In all of these places I preached, in most of them held confirmations, and in several administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

On my return from visiting the churches at the westward, I assisted, at Philadelphia, in the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Bowen, the Bishop elect of the Church in South Carolina.

The following new churches have been consecrated:—St. Paul's Church, Windham, Greene county; Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county; St. Paul's Church, Turin, Lewis county; St. Paul's Church, Waddington, St. Lawrence county; Zion Church, Onondaga, West Hill, Onondaga county; and St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Ontario county. New churches erecting at Paris, Oneida county; Butternuts, Otsego county; and Binghamton, Broome county, are nearly ready for consecration.

I have held the following ordinations:—On the 23d of October last, in Trinity Church, New York, the Rev. Samuel Johnston was admitted to the holy order of Priests, and David Brown to that of Deacons. On the 17th of March last, in Christ Church, New York, the Rev. Charles Smyth, of the Diocese of Connecticut, Deacon, was admitted to the order of Priests. On the 25th of April last, in Trinity Church, New York, Rodney Rossetter, of the Diocese of Connecticut, was admitted to the order of Deacons. On the 26th of May, at Stamford, Connecticut, Augustus Fitch, of that Diocese, and Leveret Bush, of this Diocese, were admitted to the order of Deacons. On the 26th of June, at Windham, Greene county, the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, Mis-

sionary in Onondaga county; and on the 28th of the same month, in Christ Church, Hudson, the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, minister of that church, were admitted to the order of Priests; and on the latter day, Thomas Osborne to that of Deacons. On the 10th of September, at Duanesburgh, the Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Deacon, minister of the church in that place, was admitted to the order of Priests; and Intrepid Morse, and Charles McCabe, to that of Deacons. On the 18th inst. in the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, Alexis Peter Proal was admitted to the order of Deacons; and yesterday, at the opening of the Convention, George Upfold, M. D., John Grigg, jun., James W. Eastburn, George B. Andrews, of this Diocese; and Peter G. Clark, Origen P. Holcomb, and James Keeler, of the Diocese of Connecticut, were admitted to the same order.

The following persons are candidates for orders:—William Richmond, Deodatus Babcock, James P. Cotter, James Bowden, James P. F. Clarke, William H. De Lancey, George W. Doane, Moses Burt, G. M. Robinson, and Eleazar Williams. George W. Woodruff, a candidate for orders, has been regularly transferred to the Diocese of New Jersey, and Alonzo Potter to Pennsylvania.

The Rev. James Montgomery, from the Diocese of New Jersey, has been instituted Rector of Grace Church, in the city of New York, vacated by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Bowen to the Diocese of South Carolina; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua; the Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island; and the Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Rector of Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county. The Rev. Samuel Johnston, Missionary in the western parts of the State, and the Rev. Intrepid Morse, recently ordained Deacon, have removed, by letters dismissory, from me, to the State of Ohio; as also, the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, from Hudson, to Fayetteville, North Carolina; and the Rev. Parker Adams, from Waterford and Lansingburgh, to the Diocese of South Carolina. The Rev. Samuel Nicholls Deacon, has removed from Fairfield, and resides at present in the Diocese of Connecticut; and the Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck has removed from Fishkill to the Eastern Diocese.

The following changes have also taken place in this Diocese:—The Rev. Asahel Davis, Deacon, has removed from New Berlin, Chenango county, and resides at present at Geneva, where he has the charge of a school established by the Vestry of the Church in that place; and the church at New Berlin, is now under the charge of the Rev. Daniel Nash. The Rev. John McVickar has been appointed Professor of Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric in Columbia College; and the church at Hyde Park, of which he was the Rector, is at present supplied by the Rev. David Brown, Deacon. The Rev. William A. Clark, for several years missionary at Manlius, and parts adjacent, has removed to Buffalo. The Rev. Amos Pardee, from the Diocese of Massachusetts, acts as missionary at Manlius. The Rev. William B. Lacey, the late missionary at Oxford, Chenango county, has removed to Albany; and the church at Ox-

ford is now supplied by the Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon. The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin has removed from Utica, and has charge of the congregations at Waddington and Ogdensburgh, on the St. Lawrence, and in parts adjacent. The Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon, on account of ill health, has relinquished the charge of the church at Auburn. The Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, late Professor in Union College, has been elected an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Phinney has produced to me the requisite testimonials from the Bishop of the Church in Pennsylvania, and has been chosen Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county. The Rev. Eli Wheeler has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, and been chosen Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island. The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Deacon, has removed, by letters dismissory, to South Carolina.

The following Missionaries are employed:—The Rev. Daniel Nash, in Otsego and Chenango counties; the Rev. William A. Clark, at Buffalo, Batavia, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Samuel Fuller, Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. James Thompson, Windham, Greene county, and other places in that and Delaware county; the Rev. Stephen Jewett, in Hampton and Granville, Washington county; the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Ontario, and adjacent counties; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Sandy Hill, Washington county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Charles Seabury, Brookhaven, Huntington, and Islip, Long Island; the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. George H. Norton, Deacon, Seneca and Ontario counties; the Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon, Oxford, Chenango county, and parts adjacent.

Under a canon of the late General Convention, the Rev. Thomas Y. How, late an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York, has been suspended from the ministry. The canon being in some respects of a doubtful tenor, I proceeded in the exercise of discipline, on this occasion, as far as I conceived the canon fully authorized. A presentment of this gentleman, containing a most serious charge against his moral conduct, has, within a few days, been made to me under the canons of the Church in this State. I have often expressed an opinion, that if a presentment, containing that charge, should be made, it would be incumbent upon me, on conviction, to inflict the sentence of degradation from the ministry. I shall, without delay, discharge my duty in this business.

It is a subject of congratulation, that our Church has resumed the labours, which for a long period before the revolutionary war, the Society in England, for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, directed to the religious instruction of the Indian tribes. Those labours were not wholly unsuccessful; for on my recent visit to the Oneidas, I saw an aged Mohawk, who, firm in the faith of the Gospel, and adorning his profession by an exemplary life, is

indebted, under the Divine blessing, for his Christian principles and hopes, to the Missionaries of that venerable Society. The exertions more recently made for the conversion of the Indian tribes, have not been so successful, partly because not united with efforts to introduce among them those arts of civilization, without which the Gospel can neither be understood nor valued; but principally because religious instruction was conveyed through the imperfect medium of interpreters, by those unacquainted with their dispositions and habits, and in whom they were not disposed to place the same confidence, as in those who are connected with them by the powerful ties of language, of manners, and of kindred. The religious instructor of the Oneidas, employed by our Church, enjoys all these advantages. Being of Indian extraction, and acquainted with their language, dispositions, and customs, and devoting himself unremittingly to their spiritual and temporal welfare, he enjoys their full confidence; while the education which he has received, has increased his qualifications as their guide in the faith and precepts of the Gospel. Mr. Eleazar Williams, at the earnest request of the Oneida chiefs, was licensed by me about two years since, as their Lay Reader, Catechist, and Schoolmaster. Educated in a different communion, he connected himself with our Church from conviction, and appears warmly attached to her doctrines, her apostolic ministry, and her worship. Soon after he commenced his labours among the Oneidas, the Pagan party solemnly professed the Christian faith. Mr. Williams repeatedly explained to them in councils which they held for this purpose, the evidences of the Divine origin of Christianity, and its doctrines, institutions, and precepts. He combated their objections, patiently answered their inquiries, and was finally, through the Divine blessing, successful in satisfying their doubts. Soon after their conversion, they appropriated, in conjunction with the old Christian party, the proceeds of the sale of some of their lands to the erection of a handsome edifice for Divine worship, which will be shortly completed.*

In the work of their spiritual instruction, the Book of Common Prayer, a principal part of which has been translated for their use, proves a powerful auxiliary. Its simple and affecting exhibition of the truths of redemption, is calculated to interest their hearts, while it informs their understanding; and its decent and significant rites, contribute to fix their attention in the exercises of worship. They are particularly gratified with having parts assigned them in the service, and repeat the responses with great propriety, and devotion. On my visit to them, several hundred assembled for worship; those who could read were furnished with books; and they uttered the confessions of the Liturgy, responded its supplications, and chanted its hymns of praise, with a reverence and fervour, which powerfully interested the feelings of those who witnessed the solemnity. They listened to my address to them, interpreted by Mr. Williams, with so much solicitous attention; they received the laying on of hands with such grateful humility; and participated of the symbols of their

* See Appendix for an interesting Address from the Chiefs of the Oneidas to the Bishop.

Saviour's love with such tears of penitential devotion, that the impression which the scene made on my mind will never be effaced. Nor was this the excitement of the moment, or the ebullition of enthusiasm. The eighty-nine who were confirmed, had been well instructed by Mr. Williams; and none were permitted to approach the Communion, whose lives did not correspond with their Christian professions. The numbers of those who assembled for worship, and partook of the ordinances, would have been greater, but from the absence of many of them at an Indian council at Buffalo.

I have admitted Mr. Williams as a candidate for orders, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee; and look forward to his increased influence and usefulness, should he be invested with the office of the ministry.

There is a prospect of his having, some time hence, a powerful auxiliary in a young Indian, the son of the head warrior of the Onondagas who was killed at the battle of Chippewa, and who, amiable and pious in his dispositions, and sprightly and vigorous in his intellectual powers, is earnestly desirous of receiving an education to prepare him for the ministry among his countrymen. I trust that means will be devised for accomplishing his wishes. We ought never to forget, that the salvation of the Gospel is designed for all the human race; and that the same mercy which applies comfort to our wounded consciences, the same grace which purifies and soothes our corrupt and troubled hearts, and the same hope of immortality which fills us with peace and joy, can exert their benign and celestial influence on the humble Indian.

In my visitation of the Diocese, I found abundant evidence of the zeal and fidelity of the Clergy, generally, and particularly of those whose labours as missionaries, have been so much blessed in the extension of the kingdom of the Redeemer. Nor was I less gratified with the many honourable testimonials afforded of the solicitude of the Laity of our Church, in the new settlements, to enjoy her ministrations, evidenced by their large contributions for the erection of churches, and the support of the Clergy. Both these objects, in many places, are accomplished, principally by a few individuals. In every instance where new churches have been consecrated, the contributions of individuals afforded the strongest evidence of their liberality and zeal.

In reference to the affairs of the Diocese, I ought to mention, with high commendation, the pious zeal of the New York Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, constituted in aid of the "Committee for Propagating the Gospel," charged with the business of missions. But for the meritorious exertions of the members of that institution, we should have been unable to have paid the low salaries of our missionaries. This Society has contributed for this purpose, for the past year, about 800 dollars.

Eminent good has been done by the Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies. The circulation of the Prayer Book among those unacquainted with it, has almost invariably tended to soften, if not to remove prejudices, and, in many instances, to produce a warm attachment to it. In one place, a well organized and respectable Episcopal congregation subsists, where a year since there was not an Episcopal family; and many of the persons who compose it, owe either

their first serious impressions, or the confirmation of their pious principles and hopes, to the perusal of the Prayer Book with which they had been unacquainted, and which was put into their hands.

But while my recent visitation of the Diocese afforded me many subjects of gratification, emotions of a different nature were frequently excited. I often heard earnest calls for the ministry and worship of our Church, which could not be gratified. And I saw fields ripe for the harvest, which were reaped by others, from our want of labourers to enter on the work. The indispensable importance of a Theological Seminary, and of provisions for missionaries, more forcibly than ever impressed my mind. We now lose many young men of talents and piety, from our want of the means of aiding them in their preparation for the ministry. And even if the number of those who enter the ministry of our Church, were not, as they are, greatly inadequate to supply all the situations where their labours might be profitably exerted, a Theological Institution would be necessary, as the best and the only effectual means of furnishing our candidates for orders, with those acquirements which will enable them forcibly, eloquently, and successfully to explain, defend, and inculcate the truths of religion. Prosperous in many respects, as is our Church in this Diocese, her prosperity would have been tenfold greater, if we had enjoyed adequate means of theological education, and of Missionary support. To these objects then, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, let me direct your zealous efforts, and beseech you unceasingly to direct the efforts of all over whom you may have any influence. Your Church *needs* all your affection, all your zeal, and all your pecuniary means; and she *deserves* them all. In promoting the extension of this pure branch of the Church of the Redeemer, you will best advance the glory of God in the salvation of men; and faithful to the lessons of evangelical truth which our Church inculcates, you will save your own souls, while you contribute your part in the most exalted work of benevolence, the salvation of the souls of your fellow-men.*

JOHN HENRY HOBART.

NEW YORK, October 21, 1818.

The Clergy who were absent from the last Convention, were called on for the reasons of their absence, which were severally accepted.

The Bishop, from "the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," presented from the missionaries† the following Report :

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary at Rensselaerville, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows :

* In this Address, the names of John V. E. Thorne, Frederick T. Tiffany, and William B. Thomas, should be inserted among the candidates for orders.

† For the list of missionaries, see the Address of the Bishop—p 416.

The last year has been devoted principally to Rensselaerville and Durham.

In the month of January, however, I visited the Episcopal congregation at New Berlin, Chenango county, and performed Divine service, and preached one evening and one Sunday.

I then proceeded to Lenox, Madison county, and officiated to the Episcopal congregation in that place one evening and one Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion to 24 persons. This society consists of about 15 or 16 families of well informed and correct Episcopalians. In the service, they responded with great propriety, their singing was good, and they exhibited every appearance of rational and fervent devotion.

In returning from Lenox, I officiated one evening to a congregation of Presbyterian people in the village of Peterborough, in compliance with the polite invitation of their clergyman.

In the month of June I performed Divine service and preached in the Church at Milton, Saratoga county, and administered the Communion to 40 persons. About 15 of these were Presbyterian people, who united with the Church in commemorating the dying love of our common LORD.

In the month of July I officiated one Sunday and one other day, in a part of Middleburgh, Schoharie county.

In August I officiated one Sunday at Cairo, Greene county.

In October I spent one Sunday at Duaneburgh, Schenectady county, at the institution of the Rev. Dr. Bruce, and preached one part of the day.

I have also preached at two funerals at Greeneville, Greene county.

Baptisms, Rensselaerville, 4 children.

Collections for the Missionary Fund.—Rensselaerville, \$4 34; Durham, \$2 20—\$6 54.

Collections for the Bishop's Fund.—Rensselaerville, 3 06.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary at Hampton, Granville, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

During about three months of the past year, it has pleased Almighty God to suspend my labours by sickness. At this time I am visited with a return of the same complaint (a general debility) with which I was afflicted last fall. But I am happy in being able to say, the present attack is not so severe as the former one. I have not been able this year, as formerly, to do much out of the parishes of Hampton and Granville. Affairs in these two parishes still wear a promising aspect.

During the past year there have been,—baptisms, adults 2, infants 11—13; marriages, 3; burials, 6; added to the communion, 8; diminution, by removal, 2.

Had I been able to have officiated two Sundays past, there were to have been baptised two adults, and three families of children, which would about double the number of baptisms.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Missionary at Canandaigua, and parts adjacent, begs leave respectfully to report to the Bishop his proceedings from the last report, up to February 5th, 1818, on which day he closed his missionary duties, and took charge of the church at Canandaigua as its rector.

Besides holding services in the village of Canandaigua regularly on Sundays, and occasionally on week days, he attended, on nearly every Sunday, a third service in the west part of the town. He also officiated at Waterloo, on Sundays twice; at Pittsford, on Sunday once, and once on a week day; at Victor, on Sunday once; and at Geneva, one Sunday, in exchange with the Rev. O. Clark.

On the 5th of February, 1818, a congregation was organized by the name of "Zion Church, Pittsford;" the prospects of which are favourable. This congregation, and that at Rochesterville, are eligibly situated to make one cure; and although both in infancy, they conjointly offer a competent maintenance to a clergyman.

St. Luke's, Genesee Falls, (Rochesterville.) Baptism, 1; marriage, 1; funeral, 1.

Victor. Baptism, 1.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

In the pleasing prospect of raising up a congregation at Turin, I have, during the last year, absented myself from it but eight Sundays, having, in the summer season, frequently performed a third service in the neighbouring towns.

I am happy to state that my labours here have been so far crowned with success, as to effect the building of a church, which, on the 16th of August, was consecrated, by the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, to the service of Almighty God. And I have the satisfaction of seeing a respectable congregation assemble, where, not two years since, only two Episcopal families resided.

From entire ignorance of our worship, warm prejudices existed against it, but these are fast wearing away.

It may be truly observed, that St. Paul's Church, at Turin, has been erected under very peculiar disadvantages, and has thus far enjoyed, in an eminent degree, the blessing of God; which, together with the excellence of our Liturgy, we have reason to hope, will promote the general establishment of Episcopacy.

Communicants, in 1817, 16, added since 3—19; funeral, 1; marriage, 3; baptisms, 14.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties, reports to the Bishop as follows:

Since the last Convention, I have officiated one-half of the time at Greeneville, the other half at Windham and Lexington, except four Sundays at Cairo, and one at Humphreyville; have frequently preached three times on Sundays, and lectured on week days; have attended two funerals, baptised nine children, and married two couple. Five have been added to the communion at Windham; the congregation is increasing, and zealous in religion. The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society supply all who want books. The building of the new church at Windham has been the means of increasing the number of attendants on worship nearly one-half. The corner stone of the church was laid about the 18th of June, 1817. It was finished in a handsome style by the 8th of December following; and was consecrated on the 26th of June last. I preached the Missionary and Episcopal sermons.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

The occurrences of my mission for the year past have not been of any considerable importance. My residence has been at Sandy Hill, and my time has been principally spent there. I have visited and preached at Caldwell, Whitehall, Glen's Falls, and Fort Edward. At the two former places, I have administered the sacrament of Baptism. The illness of the Rev. Mr. Jewett, occasioned my officiating for him two Sundays in the churches of Hampton and Granville. In discharging the duties belonging to my office and appointment, as Minister and Missionary, I have found it expedient to preach frequently in the evening. In Sandy Hill the sacrament of Baptism has been administered to two infants. I have celebrated three marriages, and buried four persons in that vicinity. A change has taken place in regard to the communicants at Sandy Hill: some have removed, and others have been added. The present number is about forty. It is gratifying to observe that this communion is most generally enlarged by several of other denominations, who appear to participate with much charity and brotherly kindness.

The people at Sandy Hill are still without a house for public worship. It is their united and ardent wish to erect a building for this purpose, but their means are confined; and without

assistance foreign to their own pecuniary strength, they never can expect to attain the object of their desires. It is believed by the writer of this report, that if a donation was granted to the parish of Sandy Hill, to defray the expenses of a church building, the interest of religion generally, and of the Protestant Episcopal communion particularly, would be very considerably promoted.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, officiating Minister and Missionary at Butternutts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent, reports, that under the good providence of God, he has prosecuted the great object of his mission for one year more, and has the satisfaction to state, with considerable success to the interests of the Church.

There has been a gradual accession to the congregations under his care. Many pious members have been added to the communion. If I have done good, he says, in any year of my missionary labours, I think it has been the last. In a number of instances I have received visits from individuals, who, having lived "without God in the world," or any real knowledge of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, have earnestly sought information in relation to the ministry and worship of the Episcopal Church. A growing respect for the institutions of the Gospel has been very apparent. The friends of Episcopacy, I verily think, have been comforted, animated, and strengthened in the goodness of their cause.

I noticed in my last annual report that I had witnessed a renewed ardour for the interests of the Church within the limits of the congregation of Butternutts. I then observed that ample provision was made for building a church at that place. It is with pleasure that I have announced to the Bishop, that the building will be ready for consecration the first Sunday in November.

This church, which is of stone, 67 feet long and 47 feet wide, is constructed entirely in the Gothic order, and, I trust, will rank with some of the first country churches in this Diocese.

When communicating this fact, which is very interesting to me, I am not insensible to the higher importance which the Convention attaches to that *spiritual* edification which our gracious LORD is pleased to promote in the hearts of men. I therefore write with confidence, that this congregation is growing in zeal, "in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST." The assemblies of the people are more full and solemn than they were last season.

Baptisms, 20 ; deaths, 4 ; communicants, about 100.

The congregation of Unadilla, in which I reside, has received a greater share of my attention than the congregation of Butternutts. In addition to the services of the LORD's day, I have given

this people stately weekly lectures. I have visited from house to house, expostulating with some at their unconcern about the salvation of their souls, and animating others with the comforts of the pious and devout life, and with the hopes of salvation.

Baptisms, 10 ; deaths, 6 ; communicants, about 60.

I have visited Church societies and vacant congregations in the counties around me, and have administered the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper to those who are deprived of the stated services of the Church. I have preached at Windsor, Broome county ; at Masonville, Franklin, and Sidney, Delaware county.

The Rev. Mr. Nash having withdrawn his labours from the Church at Cooperstown, in the month of September I visited that congregation, and continued there and in its vicinity two days.

Notwithstanding the deprivations and fatigues which are inseparable from the missionary cause, there is a reward in the thought, that blessed are those who with warm affection become agents in promoting and advancing the prosperity of the Church, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Baptisms in all these places, not including Cooperstown, 12 ; communicants, 40.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Missionary at Huntington, Islip, and Setauket, Suffolk county, reports as follows :

This mission is in rather a growing situation, especially Islip and Huntington. In this last place I have so far succeeded as to induce a wish on the part of the people that I would perform Divine service among them regularly every fourth Sunday. To this I have assented.

Setauket. Baptism, 1 ; funerals, 2 ; marriages, 5. Islip. Baptisms, 3 ; marriages, 2. Huntington. Baptism, 1.

Collection for Missionary Fund, at Setauket, \$4 50.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario and the adjacent counties, writes to the Bishop as follows :

Since the date of my last report I have spent 22 Sundays in Richmond, 8 in Buffalo, 12 in Avon, 5 in Le Roy, 2 in Batavia, one in Livonia, and one in Canandaigua, (the Sunday of the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk's institution.) Besides these, I have preached lectures frequently, and sometimes rode from one to another society to perform a third service. The Church increases in numbers and piety, in most of the places which have fallen under my missionary charge. What we have to regret most is, that the funds of the Church are not more ample, in order that a greater number of labourers might be employed in this part of the vine-

yard of our LORD. Many friends of the Church are settled at so great a distance from any society, that they have not the means of enjoying her ordinances. Many also are the places where churches might be organized, had we missionaries to supply them. Until we have more missionaries, it will doubtless be inexpedient to organize many more churches. With the merciful assistance of God, we trust our number will be increased.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego county, &c., reports to the Bishop as follows :

I have visited and preached in different places in Otsego county, and in the counties of Chenango and Oneida. Wherever I have officiated, I have been received with affection. A decent if not a deep attention has been paid to the word spoken ; in particular at New Berlin, where a number have been added to the communion. I look forward for a further increase in that place. I trust, through the blessing of God, there may be a plentiful harvest. The congregation appear devout and solemn. In the midst of such worshippers, a pious person must feel that the service of the Church is evangelical—that is a pure strain of devotion—that it indeed elevates the soul to heaven—and that they are all with one accord joining the Church triumphant in celebrating the praises of JEHOVAH.

Baptisms—At Verona, nine, 2 adults and 7 children. At New Berlin and its vicinity, ten, 2 adults and 8 children. At St. John's, and its vicinity, twenty-one, 6 adults and 15 children. At Coopers-town and its vicinity, twenty-nine, 2 adults and 27 children. Among the Oneida Indians, thirty-one, 3 adults and 28 children. In all, 100.

I have attended 10 marriages and 6 funerals.

Eighteen have been added to the communion.

I shall expect for the future to confine my labours principally to New Berlin, St. John's, Otsego, and Verona, in the county of Oneida, and other places where a door shall be opened for usefulness.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, Missionary in Onondaga county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows :

During the last year I have performed Divine service 9 Sundays at Tully ; 2 Sundays at Lenox ; 5 Sundays at Manlius, since the Rev. Mr. Clark's removal from that place ; 2 Sundays at Auburn, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Northrop. The rest of my time has been confined to Onondaga, in consideration of the people of that congregation having built a house for Divine worship. Since the administration of Confirmation at Onondaga, there has been a large addition to the communion. I am happy

to state, that all the congregations which I have visited are increasing in numbers, piety, and zeal. But as it was in the days of our Saviour, the field is extensive, "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few." Besides performing Divine service every Sunday, I have preached many lectures on week days, in various places. I have been twice at Eaton, and should have visited there oftener, were not the distance so great.

Baptisms, infants and children, 35 ; adults, 7 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 3.

I cannot close this report without mentioning, that great praise is due to the people of Onondaga for their exertions and pious liberality in building a neat and commodious little church.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Deacon, Missionary in Ontario and Seneca counties, writes to the Bishop as follows :

During the year past, I have officiated at Rochester, Pittsford, Sodus Bay, Vienna, Waterloo, and Auburn. Since the month of May, my time has been pretty much divided between Vienna and Waterloo. The former place is a flourishing little village, situated about four miles east of the Clifton Springs. At the solicitation of several Episcopal families, who reside there and in its vicinity, the services of our Church have been introduced amongst them, and there is now a favourable opportunity of raising up a respectable congregation. In effecting this object, our friends at the Springs are disposed to unite, which, I doubt not, will be of considerable benefit to their little society, as it has for some time past been in a very languishing state, for the want of the regular ministrations of a clergyman. The inhabitants of Vienna seem very generally inclined to adopt the Episcopal mode of worship, and for the purpose of preserving it in their village, have been making some exertion, and will probably succeed, in employing a minister for one-half of his time.

At Waterloo an Episcopal church was formed nearly a year ago ; and though attempts have been made to impede its progress, I am happy to state that there is now every probability of its flourishing. It is at present composed of about twenty families, and besides these, there are many who attend very constantly upon our services. Throughout the congregation there prevails a more than ordinary attention to the subject of religion, and several have manifested a wish to come forward to Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both of these ordinances will shortly be administered in this place. A liberal distribution of the Book of Common Prayer has been attended with a very good effect, which is discoverable not only in the general use which is made of it in the time of Divine service, but also in the strong attachment

expressed for it by many individuals, who are able to date the commencement of their serious concern for their souls, from their first acquaintance with this truly valuable little volume.

Something has been done by our friends in this village for the support of the Gospel. They have raised a sufficient sum to secure to them the services of a clergyman for half the ensuing year. In another season it is to be hoped still more will be effected; and should the times be more favourable, the period, I trust, is not very distant, when they will be enabled to erect a house for public worship.

The Rev. Leverett Bush, Deacon, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

I visited the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, on the 14th of July, and have since that time preached regularly on Sundays, to an attentive and apparently devout auditory. Owing to the little time that I have had the charge of this congregation, I cannot speak confidently of their state; but many, I have reason to believe, have a strong attachment to the doctrine and worship of the Church, and cherish a lively sensibility to their spiritual interest.

During my residence here, I have performed Divine service once in Binghampton, and also in the villages of Greene and Lysle. In St. Paul's Church, Oxford, the number of communicants is 39, considerably diminished by removals.

Baptism, 1; burials, 2.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Clergy rendered the following Parochial Reports:

St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. William B. Lacey, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 19—20; marriages, 5; funerals, 11; communicants, 90.

Since the last Convention, the minister of this church has officiated as missionary, twenty-six Sundays in St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county; one Sunday in Owego, Broome county; and two in Norwich, Chenango county. He has likewise performed Divine service, on week days, in New Berlin, Binghampton, Ithaca, Hamilton, Eaton, Lysle, and Bainbridge. The churches in Chenango county, are, through Divine goodness, in a flourishing state.

St. Peter's Church, Waterville, Delaware county;* the Rev. Da-

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

vid Huntington, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 13—15 ; marriage, 1 ; burials, 4 ; communicants, 30.

Since the first Sunday in January last, the service of the Church has, at stated periods, been performed in the court-house at Delhi ; and the Holy Communion has lately been celebrated there. A numerous congregation is usually present at the worship ; and gentlemen of the highest respectability, and most extensive influence of any in the county, although hitherto not connected with the Church, have discovered a willingness to patronize and support it in that place.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county ; the Rev. David Brown, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, 6 ; marriage, 1 ; communicants, 70.

*Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county ;** the Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Baptisms, 27 ; marriages, 7 ; families, about 100 ; communicants, 120.

St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county ; the Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, 13 ; funerals, 2 ; communicants, added 7, removed 4,—present number, 28.

The corner stone of the church was laid at Redhook in July last. The building is now enclosed, and it is hoped, will be ready for consecration early in June next. In compliance with the wishes of his vestry, and of certain inhabitants of the township of North East, the Minister of St. Paul's has officiated, since last May, nearly one-half of his time near the village of Pine Plains, in that township.

Baptisms at the Plains, 3 ; funeral, 1.

Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county ; the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms, about 80 ; marriages, 14 ; communicants, 84 ; funerals, about 18.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county ; the Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, 16 ; marriages, 18 ; funerals, 20 ; communicants, died and removed 9, added 11,—present number 137.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county ; (a vacant parish.†)—This church remains about the same as reported last year, except the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the Rev.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

† This report was rendered by the Wardens and Vestry of the Parish.

Eli Wheeler. Every exertion has been made to fill that vacancy ; and it is confidently hoped, that, through the assistance of Divine providence, the endeavours to that effect will soon be crowned with success.

Christ Church, New York ; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Marriages, 30 ; communicants, about 300.

French Church Du St. Esprit, New York ; the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Rector.—Baptisms, infants, 4 ; marriages, 6 ; communicants, 20.

The services of the Church are here celebrated in the French language.

Grace Church, New York ; the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector.—Since April 1, 1818, when the present rector took charge of this parish, there have been,—baptisms, infants, 16 ; marriages, 3 ; communicants, the same as last reported *viz.*, about 170 ; burials—none registered ; there being no burial ground attached or belonging to this church.

St. George's Church, New York ;* the Rev. James Milnor, Rector.—Baptisms, 72 ; marriages, 26 ; communicants, added 74, died 9, removed 8,—present number, 300.

St. James' Church, New York ; the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 2—4 ; marriage, 1 ; burials, none—there being no cemetery connected with this church. Communicants, not included in the reports of other parishes, nearly the same as last year, three having been since added, and two removed.

St. Mark's Church, New York ; the Rev. William Creighton, Rector.—Baptisms, 16 ; marriages, 6 ; communicants, about 100 ; burials, 21.

St. Michael's Church, New York ; the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 17—19 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 7 ; communicants, (not included in other parochial reports,) 27.

Since the last report, the person suspended from the communion has been restored ; 4 have died, 7 removed, and 9 been added.

The parish school connected with this church has been in operation one year and a half. The average number of children

* This report was forwarded in a letter to the Bishop, stating that unavoidable absence from the city prevented the attendance of the rector at the Convention.

taught during the year ending the first of May last, was 38 per quarter.

St. Stephen's Church, New York ; the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Baptisms, 124 ; marriages, 46 ; communicants, 400.

Trinity Church, with St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapels, New York ; the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, children 191—197 ; marriages, 35 ; burials, 678 ; communicants, between 7 and 800.

St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county ; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 20—26 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 5 ; communicants, added 25, died 2, removed 5,—present number 42.

1000 tracts have been printed from the communion fund ; and 600 sermons on forms of prayer, and 400 tracts, from individual contributions.

The rector of this church has officiated at Waterloo, Seneca county, twice on Sundays ; at Utica, Oneida county, once on a week day ; at Rochesterville, Ontario county, once on a week day.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county ;* the Rev. Orin Clark, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 11—17 ; marriages, 6 ; funerals, 7 ; communicants (9 added,) 50.

St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county ;* the Rev. Samuel Phinney, Minister.—The present minister of St. Andrew's commenced his labours in that parish on the 28th of June last, since which time there have been,—baptisms, adult 1, children 6—7 ; marriages, 2 ; communicants, 40.

The zeal manifested in attending public worship, and joining in the service, is such as to be highly gratifying to the friends of religion. A society has been formed in this parish, denominated the Female Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of St. Andrew's Church, Orange county.

St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county ; the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 11—12 ; communicants, 20 ; burials, 7.

The minister of this church officiated in St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, previously to the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Phinney there, one Sunday, baptised one infant, and married a couple. He

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

has also officiated two Sundays in Monticello, Sullivan county, where he baptised three children.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county; the Rev. John Brown, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 13—14; families, 45; communicants, added 14, died and removed 6,—present number, 44; burials, 8.

This congregation, by much labour and exertion, have nearly completed an edifice for public worship. It will be ready for consecration early next summer.

A small congregation was organized last April, in the township of New Windsor, by the name of St. Thomas' Church. Though small at present, it promises to be respectable.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county; the Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 32; marriages, 11; communicants, 50; burials, 5.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, with Christ Chapel, North Hempstead, Queen's county; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, children 31—37; marriages, 33; communicants, 130; burials, 17.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county; the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 11—13; marriages, 3; communicants, about 49.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county; the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 14—15; marriages, 4; communicants, 60; deaths, 4.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; the Rev. Parker Adams, late Rector.—Baptisms, 17; marriages, 7; communicants, 45; funerals, 4.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; the Rev. David Butler, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 28—35; marriages, 5; communicants, died 5, removed 11,—present number, 125.

St. Andrew's Church, with Trinity Chapel, Staten Island; the Rev. David Moore, Rector.—Baptisms, 51; marriages, 13; families, 400; communicants, 270; funerals, 25.

Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county;* the Rev.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

Joseph Perry, Rector.—Baptisms, 56 ; marriages, 17 ; communicants, 40 ; funerals, 11.

Since the last report, an union has taken place between the old parish in Ballston and the one in Ballston Spa. The former have very generously given their bell and organ, and the materials of their church, and all its appurtenances. With this aid, and the liberal subscriptions of Episcopalians, a very neat and commodious church has been erected at Ballston Spa. It was consecrated in August last. The rector (whose whole attention, for the year past, has been devoted to this parish,) is happy in being able to state that the church has been unusually well attended, and that an attachment to our principles and worship has very considerably increased.

*Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county ;** the Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 4 ; marriages, 2 ; communicants, added 8, died 1, removed 1,—present number, 22.

It is with great satisfaction the rector observes a gradually increasing reverence of deportment in this congregation ; a more devout and general attendance on the solemnity of public worship ; and a growing regard for the ordinances.

Agreeably to the appointment of the Bishop, the rector of this church has performed Divine service and preached in the church at Charlton, Saratoga county.

St. George's Church, Schenectady ; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, 36 ; marriages, 24 ; burials, 6 ; communicants, removed 20, died 1, admitted 3,—present number, 58.

In compliance with the appointment of the Bishop, the rector of this church has performed Divine service and preached during the past year, one Sunday in the church at Charlton, and one at Milton, in Saratoga county.

*St. Lawrence county ;** the Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, officiating Minister.—The minister at present officiating in this county resigned the rectorship of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county, immediately after last Whitsunday. About fifteen persons had been added to the communion in that church, since his last report. He came into St. Lawrence county the beginning of June, and found extensive fields for labour. Provision was immediately made for his support in Waddington and Ogdensburgh. In Russell, there was expressed a most gratifying solicitude for his services. On Sundays, he has officiated alternately at Waddington and Ogdensburgh, except one, on which he visited Russell, and one spent abroad.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

He has also officiated on week days in Russell, Canton, Dekalb, Pierpont, Parishville, Hopkinton, Potsdam, Louisville, Columbus, in the township of Madrid, Lisbon, Morrilltown, Black Lake, and a few other places; in some of them, several times.

St. Paul's Church, Waddington. This church was duly organized on the 9th inst. Baptisms, adult 1, children 4—5; communicants, (3 admitted,) 7.

Ogdensburgh. Communicants, (8 admitted,) 15.

Russell and its vicinity. Baptisms, adults 5, children and infants 32—37; communicants, (20 admitted,) 21.

Russell is regularly visited, and the prospects of the Church there are encouraging.

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county; the Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 15, children 27—42; marriage, 1; burials, 9; communicants, added 21, died 3, removed 5,—present number, 61.

The minister of this church has, agreeably to appointment, performed Divine service at Bedford and Northcastle, and frequently at White Plains, and in its vicinity.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county; the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, infants, 6; marriages, 4; communicants, 20; funerals, 3.

Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; the Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Baptisms, 13; marriages, 8; communicants, between 50 and 60; burials, 8.

The rector of this church has, within the past year, officiated at Coldenham, Orange county, three times, and baptised there, two adults and four children.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 9—11; marriages, 4; communicants, about 30; deaths 4.

St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county; the Rev. William Powell, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 4, children 13—17; marriages, 4; funerals, 8; communicants, (five having left the parish,) 47.

The church has been lately painted and repaired. It exhibits a degree of taste and neatness which will not suffer in comparison with any other church in the county. The congregation is numerous and attentive; and there is a fair prospect of having

several added to the communion in a short time. A school for the instruction of people of colour has been some time established, and still continues.

Agreeably to a standing order of the Convention, the Clergy *rendered*, and agreeably to a resolution of the Convention of 1815, there is here *published* an account of collections for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds.

	Missionary. \$ CTS.	Episcopal. \$ CTS.
St. Peter's Church, Albany,	48 52	
Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county, .	4 34	3 06
Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, .	8 68	7 00
St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county, .	12 00	8 20
St. Paul's Church, Ticonderoga, Essex county, .		2 70
St. Paul's Church, Durham, Greene county, .	2 20	
Trinity Church, Windham, Greene county, .	4 00	
St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county, .	40 00	23 59
Christ Church, New York,	111 07	
French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, .	53 38	36 00
Grace Church, New York,	192 38	164 45
St. George's Church, New York,	126 47	96 83
St. Mark's Church, New York,	33 65	24 00
St. Michael's and St. James' Churches, New York, .	38 57	26 21
St. Stephen's Church, New York,	70 51	
Trinity Church, New York,	165 40	102 52
St. Paul's Chapel, New York,	111 75	84 00
St. John's Chapel, New York,	81 62	70 68
Christ Church, Manlius, Onondaga county, .	7 50	
St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county, .	20 20	10 60
Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county, .	31 16	
St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county, .	9 12	10 31
St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county, .	10 68	8 57
Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county, .	6 00	
St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county, .	17 19	
St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county, .	8 53	7 70
Christ Chapel, North Hempstead, Queen's county, .	17 55	11 16
Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county, .	33 87	13 79
Collected last year, but not then reported,	29 16	
St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county, .	32 00	
St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county, .	42 16	16 19
St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, Richmond county, .	12 54	5 00
Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county, .	5 00	5 00
St. George's Church, Schenectady,	31 04	12 13

	Missionary. \$ cts.	Episcopal. \$ cts.
Caroline Church, Setauket, Suffolk county, .	4 50	
Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington county, .		7 27
Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county, .	9 80	3 50
Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county, .	15 00	10 00
St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county,	22 4	9 28
St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county, .	33 33	10 31

The Treasurer of the Convention submitted his report, from which it appeared that the increase of the Episcopal Fund, during the past year, has been \$1,720 15, and that its present aggregate amount is \$17,814 53.

Resolved, That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That five Trustees be appointed, to whom the management and care of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese shall be entrusted; and that all money belonging to the said Fund shall be loaned upon real security, or invested in stock of the United States, at their discretion; and that all such securities and investments shall, in future, be taken or made in the names of the said Trustees, or the survivors of them, expressly in trust, as part of the said Fund; and that a statement of the said Fund, and the securities for the same, shall be exhibited at every stated meeting of the Convention, signed by the said Trustees, or a majority of them; and that the said Trustees shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the Convention, who shall, from time to time, supply all vacancies.

Resolved, That Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, David I. Greene, Joshua Jones, Thomas S. Townsend, and William Johnson, be the Trustees for the purposes above specified.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to their late Treasurer, Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, for his long and faithful services in that office.

The Secretary read the following communication:

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church
in the State of New York.*

Extracts from the Journal of the Proceedings of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, in a General Convention held in the city of New York, in the month of May, 1817.

“HOUSE OF BISHOPS, Tuesday, May 27.

“*Resolved*, That it is expedient to alter the first article of the Constitution of this Church, so far as it fixes the time of the meeting

of the General Convention thereof, by striking out the words—*‘third Tuesday in May, in the year of our Lord 1808, and on the third Tuesday in May;’* and inserting instead thereof the words—*‘first Tuesday in October, in the year of our Lord 1823, and on the first Tuesday in October.’*

“Resolved, That in conformity with the 9th article of the Constitution, the Secretaries of this Convention, after the adjournment thereof, make known the proposed alteration to the several State Conventions.

“Attested,

“BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Sec’y.*”

“HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES, }
“Tuesday, May 27th. }

“A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a proposed alteration to the first article of the Constitution, as far as it fixes the time of the meeting of the General Convention; which was read, and concurred in by this House.

“Attested,

“ASHBEL BALDWIN, *Sec’y.*

“House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.”

The following gentlemen were elected Delegates to the General Convention:*

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., the Rev. David Butler, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk; the Hon. Rufus King, Dr. John Onderdonk, Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Esq., Mr. William Ogden.

The following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee of this Diocese:

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., the Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, the Rev. James Montgomery; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. Matthew Clarkson, Mr. William Ogden, Col. Nicholas Fish.

The following gentlemen were elected “The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York,” of which the Bishop of the Diocese is *ex-officio*, President:

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, the Rev. James Montgomery; Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Dr. John Onderdonk, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq.

* The Rev. Dr. Harris declined a re-election as Delegate to the General Convention, stating that the duties of his office in Columbia College would render his attendance at the Convention impossible.

Agreeably to a canon of this Diocese, of 1806, entitled "A Canon providing for the supply of vacant parishes," the Bishop appointed the following clergymen to supply the parishes annexed to their names respectively, at such times, during the ensuing year, as they may deem most convenient and proper :

The Rev. Mr. Haskell, the Rev. Mr. Powell, and the Rev. Mr. Kearny, the vacant parishes in West Chester county.

The Rev. Mr. John Brown, the Rev. Mr. Phinney, and the Rev. Mr. Cadle, St. John's Church, Monticello.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, the Rev. Mr. David Brown, and the Rev. Mr. Andrews, the vacant parishes in Dutchess and Putnam counties.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rev. Mr. M'Cabe, the vacant parishes in Saratoga county.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Bishop of the Diocese of New York, and President of the Convention.

Attested,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE CHIEFS

OF THE ONEIDA NATION OF INDIANS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

*To the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart.**

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We salute you in the name of the ever adorable, ever blessed, and ever living sovereign LORD of the universe ; we acknowledge this great and almighty Being as our Creator, Preserver, and constant Benefactor.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We rejoice that we now, with one heart and mind, would express our gratitude and thankfulness to our great and venerable father, for the favour which he has bestowed upon this nation, *viz.*, in sending Brother Williams among us, to instruct us in the religion of the blessed JESUS. When he first came to us, we hailed him as our friend, our brother, and our guide in spiritual things ; and he shall remain in our hearts and minds as long as he shall teach us of the ways of the great Spirit above.

* See page 417. This Address was written by a young Indian, who is a communicant of the Church.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We rejoice to say, that by sending Brother Williams among us, a *great light has risen upon us*: we see now that the Christian religion is intended for the good of the Indians as well as the white people; we see it, and do feel it, that the religion of the Gospel will make us happy in this and in the world to come. We now profess it outwardly, and we hope, by the grace of God, that some of us have embraced it inwardly. May it ever remain in our hearts, and we be enabled, by the Spirit of the eternal ONE, to practise the great duties which it points out to us.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

Agreeable to your request we have treated our brother with that attention and kindness which you required of us; we have assisted him all that was in our power, as to his support: but you know well that we are poor ourselves, and we cannot do a great deal. Though our brother has lived very poor since he came among us, but he is patient, and makes no complaint: we pity him, because we love him as we do ourselves. We wish to do something for his support; but this is impossible for us to do at present, as we have lately raised between three and four thousand dollars to enable us to build a little chapel.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We entreat and beseech you not to neglect us. We hope the Christian people in New York will help us all that is in their power. We hope our brother will by no means be withdrawn from us. If this should take place, the cause of religion will die among us; immorality and wickedness will prevail.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

As the head and father of the holy and apostolic Church in this State, we entreat you to take a special charge of us. We are ignorant, we are poor, and need your assistance. Come, venerable father, and visit your children, and warm their hearts by your presence, in the things which belong to their everlasting peace.

May the great Head of the Church, whom you serve, be with you, and His blessing ever remain with you.

We, venerable Father,

Remain your dutiful children,

HENDRICK ^{his} ✕ SCHUYLER,
mark.

SILAS ^{his} ✕ ANONSENTE,
mark.

WILLIAM ^{his} ✕ TEHOIATATE,
mark.

^{his}
DANIEL ✕ PETERS,
^{mark.}

^{his}
NICHOLAS ✕ GARAGONTIE,
^{mark.}

^{his}
WILLIAM ✕ SONAWENHESE,
^{mark.}

^{his}
MOSES ✕ SCHUYLER,
^{mark.}

^{his}
HESTAHEL ✕ PETERS,
^{mark.}

^{his}
WILLIAM ✕ SCHUYLER,
^{mark.}

^{his}
ABRAHAM ✕ SCHUYLER,
^{mark.}

^{his}
STOFLE ✕ SCHUYLER,
^{mark.}

^{his}
HENDRICK ✕ SCHUYLER, jun.,
^{mark.}

^{his}
WILLIAM ✕ TEWAGERATE.
^{mark.}

ONEIDA, Jan. 19, 1818.

THE BISHOP'S ANSWER.

MY CHILDREN,*

I have received your letter by your brother and teacher, Eleazar Williams, and return your affectionate and Christian salutation, praying that grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from our LORD JESUS CHRIST, may be with you.

MY CHILDREN,

I rejoice to hear of your faith in the one living and true God, and in His Son JESUS CHRIST, whom He has sent, whom to know is life eternal; and I pray that, by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD, you may be kept steadfast in this faith, and may walk worthy of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

MY CHILDREN,

It is true, as you say, that the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST is intended for Indians as well as white people.

* This is the appellation with which the Indians expect to be addressed by the Bishop.

For the great Father of all hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth ; and hath sent his Son JESUS CHRIST to teach them all, and to die for them all, that they may be redeemed from the power or sin, and brought to the acknowledgment of the truth, and to the service of the living God.

MY CHILDREN,

It is true, as you say, that the religion of the Gospel will make you happy in this world, as well as in the world to come ; and I join in your prayer, that you may profess it inwardly as well as outwardly ; that by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, you may be transformed by the renewing of your minds, and acquire the holy tempers, and practise the holy duties which the Gospel enjoins. And for this purpose, I beseech you to attend to the instructions of your faithful teacher and brother, Eleazar Williams ; to unite with him in the holy prayers of our apostolic Church, which he has translated into your own language ; to listen with reverence to the Divine word which he reads to you ; to receive, as through grace you may be qualified, and may have an opportunity, the sacraments and ordinances of the Church ; and at all times, and in all places, to lift up your hearts in supplication to the Father of your spirits, who always and everywhere hears and sees you, for pardon and grace, to comfort, to teach, and to sanctify you, through your Divine Mediator, JESUS CHRIST.

MY CHILDREN,

Let me exhort you diligently to labour to get your living by cultivating the earth, or by some other lawful calling : you will thus promote your worldly comfort, you will be more respected among your white brethren, and more united and strong among yourselves. And when you are thus engaged, you will be saved from many temptations ; and you will prove yourselves to be good disciples of Him who, by His inspired apostle, has enjoined, that while we are “ fervent in spirit ” we be “ not slothful in business.”

MY CHILDREN,

Continue to respect and love your brother and teacher, Eleazar Williams, and to treat him kindly ; for he loves you, and is desirous to devote himself to your service, that, by God’s grace, he may be instrumental in making you happy here and hereafter. It is my wish that he may remain with you, and may be your spiritual guide and instructor.

MY CHILDREN,

I rejoice to hear that your brethren, the Onondagas, are desirous of knowing the words of truth and salvation. I hope you will not complain if your teacher, Eleazar Williams, sometimes visits

them, to lead them in that way to eternal life, from God's word, he has pointed out to you. Freely you have received, you should freely give; and being made partakers of the grace of God through JESUS CHRIST, you should be desirous that all your red brethren may enjoy the same precious gift.

MY CHILDREN,

It is my purpose, if the LORD will, to come and see you the next summer; and I hope to find you as good Christians, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and living righteously, soberly, and godly in the world. I shall have you in my heart, and shall remember you in my prayers; for you are part of my charge, of that flock from whom the Son of God gave Himself even unto the death upon the cross, and whom He commanded His ministers to seek and to gather into His fold, that through Him, they might be saved for ever.

MY CHILDREN,

May God be with you, and bless you.

JOHN HENRY HOBART,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.

Dated at New York, the 1st day of February, in the year of our LORD 1818,
and in the seventh year of my consecration.

THIRTY-FOURTH CONVENTION.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

HELD IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF ALBANY,

On Tuesday, Oct. 19th, and Wednesday, Oct. 20th, A. D. 1819.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, including St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The Rev. David Brown, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.

The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, and St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, Orange county.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county.

The Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon, Missionary at Oxford, Chenango county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, in Albany and Greene counties.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. David Huntington, Rector of St. John's Church, Delhi, Delaware county.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel McDonald, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary in Seneca and Ontario counties.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.

The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties.

The Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rector of Zion Church, Butternutts, and Missionary in other parts of Otsego county.

LAY DELEGATES.

Albany county.

Albany, St. Peter's Church, Philip S. Van Rensselaer, James Gourly, George Upfold, sen., William A. Duer, Wm. H. Jephson.

Columbia county.

Hudson, Christ Church, Samuel Borland, James Fleming.

Dutchess county.

Hyde Park, St. James' Church, Benjamin Allen.

Poughkeepsie, Christ Church, William B. Thomas, John Johnston.

Redhook, St. Paul's Church, John W. Wheeler.

King's county.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church, John H. Moore.

Montgomery county.

Johnstown, St. John's Church, Tobias A. Stoutenburgh, Abraham Morrell.

The city and county of New York.

St. Esprit, William Bayard, jun.

St. George's Church, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen.

St. James' Church, Gerardus Clark, Edmund H. Pendleton.

St. Mark's Church, Edward Lyde.

St. Stephen's Church, Teunis Bergh.

Trinity Church, Richard Harison, Joshua Jones.

Zion Church, Alexander Fink, John Heath, Gilbert Fowler, William Tripler.

Orange county.

Goshen, St. James' Church, John Duer.

Otsego county.

Butternutts, Zion Church, Jacob Morris.

Rensselaer county.

Lansingburgh, Trinity Church, Gerrit Peebles.

Troy, St. Paul's Church, David Buel, jun., Stephen Warren.

Saratoga county.

Ballston Spa, Christ Church, Philip Ten Eyck, Epinetus White.

Waterford, Grace Church, Guert Van Schoonhoven, William Gates.

Schenectady county.

Schenectady, St. George's Church, Alonzo Potter.

West Chester county.

East Chester, St. Paul's Church, Philemon H. Fowler.

The following Clergy, not members of the Convention, attended its sittings :

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county.	} Of this Diocese.
The Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Minister of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county.	
The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.	
The Rev. Joseph Perry, of Connecticut.	

The following Clergy, members of the Convention, were not present at this session :

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D., LL. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Buffalo, Niagara county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary in Onondaga county, and counties adjacent.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, New York.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary in Washington county.

The Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county.

The Rev. John M'Vickar, Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy, in Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, including Trinity Chapel, Staten Island.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego and Chenango counties.

The Rev. Amos Pardee, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Suffolk county.

The Rev. Henry M. Shaw, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county.

The Rev. Lucius Smith, Deacon, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Auburn, Cayuga county.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario, and adjacent counties.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county.

ALBANY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 1819.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, for the meeting of the annual Convention of the same, several Clergy and Lay Delegates attended, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., in St. Peter's Church, in the city of Albany, which had been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. David Butler, in the absence of the Bishop, was appointed President *pro tem.*, and the Rev. William B. Lacey, in the absence of the Secretary, Secretary *pro tem.*

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats being called over, agreeably to the 2d canon of this Diocese of 1803, the following answered to their names, and took their seats:

The Rev. David Brown, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county; the Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county; the Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary in Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. William B. Lacey, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county; the Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary in Seneca and Ontario counties; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county; the Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church,

Johnstown, Montgomery county; the Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties; the Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rector of Zion Church, Butternuts, and Missionary in other parts of Otsego county.

The following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their respective appointments, which were approved, and they accordingly took their seats:

From St. Peter's Church, Albany, Philip S. Van Rensselaer, James Gourly, George Upfold, sen., William A. Duer, William H. Jephson; from Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county, Samuel Borland, James Fleming; from St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, Benjamin Allen; from Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, William B. Thomas; from St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county, John W. Wheeler; from St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, Tobias A. Stoutenburgh, Abraham Morrell; from St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county, John Duer; from Zion Church, Butternuts, Otsego county, Jacob Morris; from St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county, David Buel, jun.; from Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county, Philip Ten Eyck; from Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county, Guert Van Schoonhoven, William Gates; from St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county, Philemon H. Fowler.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half-past ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment; the Right Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, being present.

Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York; and a Charge to the Clergy delivered by the Bishop; who afterwards administered the Holy Communion.

The following Clergy, members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared, and took their seats:

The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, and St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, Orange county; The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's

Church, Flushing, Queen's county; the Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon, Missionary at Oxford, Chenango county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York; the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of Grace Church, New York; the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pénéveyre, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; the Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county; the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.

The following Lay Delegates, having produced testimonials of their respective appointments, which were approved, took their seats:

From Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, John Johnston; from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county, John H. Moore; from the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, William Bayard, jun.; from St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wagenen; from St. James' Church, New York, Gerardus Clark, Edmund H. Pendleton; from St. Mark's Church, New York, Edward Lyde; from St. Stephen's Church, New York, Teunis Bergh; from Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harison, Joshua Jones; from Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, Gerrit Peebles; from St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county, Stephen Warren; from Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county, Epinetus White; from St. George's Church, Schenectady, Schenectady county, Alonzo Potter.

Certificates were produced, and read, of the incorporation of St. Michaels' Church, Geneseo, Ontario county; Zion Church, New York;* Grace Church, Norway, Herkimer county; Christ Church, North Hempstead, Queen's county; St. John's Church, Delhi, Delaware county; St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county;† St. Paul's Church, Waterloo, Seneca county; and St. Peter's Church, Verona, Oneida county; and the said churches were severally received into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Thomas Breintnall, having been regularly admitted and settled as rector of Zion Church, New York; and

* The former corporation of this name having been legally dissolved.

† This parish had been previously received into union with the Convention, and its rector taken his seat accordingly; no record, however, of the fact of reception appearing on the minutes, the certificate was again produced, with the view of having it now made.

the Rev. David Huntington, having been regularly admitted and settled as Rector of St. John's Church, Delhi, Delaware county ; took their seats as members of the Convention.

A certificate was produced, and approved, of the appointment of Alexander Fink, John Heath, Gilbert Fowler, and William Tripler, as Lay Delegates from Zion Church, New York ; and they took their seats accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city of Albany during the session of the Convention, and are not members thereof, be invited to attend its sittings.

Agreeably to this resolution, the Rev. Henry Anthon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county ; the Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Minister of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county ; and the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county, of this Diocese ; and the Rev. Joseph Perry, of Connecticut, took their seats.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read, and approved.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk was elected Secretary of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned until four o'clock this afternoon.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clergy now present, who were absent from the last Convention, were called on for their excuses, which were severally accepted.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following Address :

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

Agreeably to the requisition of the canons I proceed to lay before you the following statement of my proceedings since the last Annual Convention.

On Friday, the 23d of October last, in Trinity Church, in the city of New York, I admitted the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Missionary, and the Rev. David Brown, Minister of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, the 15th of November, in St. John's Chapel, New York, John Toland, of the Island of St. Martin's; and James I. Bowden, of the city of New York; were admitted to the holy order of Deacons. The former gentleman, whom, on the 6th of December following, I admitted to the order of Priests, returned to the Island of St. Martin's, where, it is believed, he now officiates; and the latter removed to the Diocese of Maryland.

On Monday, the 16th of November, the church erected on the site of Zion Church, which had been consumed by fire, was consecrated by the same name. It has been erected principally by the exertions and on the responsibility of a very few individuals, who, in this instance, have evidenced a zeal and liberality for which they deserve high commendation, and which is worthy of general imitation.

On Friday, the 20th of the same month, I consecrated the new church erected at Binghampton, (Chenango Point) Broome county, by the name of Christ Church; and on the Sunday following, the new church in Butternutts, Otsego county, by the name of Zion Church. The former is a neat wooden building; and the latter a large and substantial stone edifice, finished in the Gothic order of architecture, with much neatness and elegance. The zeal and liberality displayed in the erection of both these churches are worthy of much commendation.

In the church at Butternutts, I also admitted the Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary, Deacon, to the holy order of Priests. On the 21st of December, in Grace Church, New York, John V. E. Thorn, and William Richmond, were admitted Deacons. Both these gentlemen have since removed, by letters dismissory from me, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

On the 12th of January, 1819, in Trinity Church, New York, Lucius Smith, of Connecticut, was admitted to the order of Deacons, and soon after went to Auburn, in this State, where he at present officiates.

On Thursday, the 11th of February, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, I assisted at the consecration of the Rev. Philander Chase, to the holy office of Bishop, to act as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Ohio. This event, which affords the prospect of the extension of the apostolic ministry and services of our Church in the western States, where there are so many of its members who have long earnestly sought to enjoy them, must be gratifying to the Church at large.

Confirmations have been administered, principally during the season of Lent, in the city of New York, in Trinity Church and its Chapels, St. Paul's and St. John's; in Christ Church, Grace Church, St. George's Church, St. Mark's Church, St. Stephen's Church, and Zion Church.

The numbers confirmed were as follows: Trinity Church, 55; St. Paul's Chapel, 95; St. John's Chapel, 116. Total in the parish of Trinity Church, 266. St. George's Church, 145; Christ Church, 86; Grace Church, 50; St. Mark's, 34; St. Stephen's, 130; Zion Church, 78.

On the 27th of May, the new church erected at Redhook was consecrated by the name of St. Paul's Church; and, at the same time, I admitted its offi-

ciating minister, the Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, to the order of Priests. The congregation at Redhook have been recently organized, and have manifested much zeal in the erection of their building for worship, and have prospered under the assiduous labours of their minister.

In the month of May, I visited St. George's Church, Flushing, and confirmed 30 persons; and in June I visited St. James', Newtown, and confirmed 30 persons.

In the month of June, I attended the meeting of the Convention of the State of Connecticut, and admitted Joseph M. Gilbert to the order of Deacons. At this time, the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, one of the Assistant Ministers of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, was elected to the office of Bishop. The ensuing week I expect, with the Bishops of the Church in the Eastern Diocese, and in New Jersey, to assist our venerable Presiding Bishop, the Bishop of the Church in Pennsylvania, at the consecration of Dr. Brownell, in the city of New Haven. After which, my connexion with the Diocese of Connecticut, of which I have had the provisional charge for some years past, and which, from the uniform attentions which I have there received, and particularly from the numerous evidences of the attachment of its Clergy and Laity to the distinguishing principles of our apostolic Church, has been a source of high gratification to me, will cease; and I shall resign my temporary charge to Dr. Brownell, with every prospect, from his character and talents, of his great usefulness. It is due to that Diocese to state, that agreeably to the provisions of the canon they made the most ample provision for my expenses.

In a subsequent visit to Connecticut, in the month of August, I consecrated St. Matthew's Church, Wilton; which, in arrangements of the interior particularly exhibits great neatness and convenience; and in St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, I admitted the Rev. Rodney Rossetter, Deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On the 3d of July last, I consecrated the new church of St. Philip's in Collect Street, New York, designed for the use of the coloured people of our Church in that city. To its erection they contributed largely in proportion to their means, and the trustees were unwearied in their exertions to obtain the contributions of others, and in their attention to the building while it was erecting, in which their own mechanics principally were employed, and which they have finished with judgment and taste. I have since officiated in that church to a congregation of coloured people, who were remarkably orderly and devout in the performance of the service. They statedly assemble there; and their devotions, except when the Clergy occasionally officiate, are conducted by Peter Williams, jun., a coloured man, who, for some years, under my direction, has acted as a Lay Reader and Catechist among them; and who, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, has been recently admitted by me as candidate for Orders. Every measure relative to provision for accommodation of the coloured people with public worship and religious instruction has been pursued and will continue to be pursued, with great caution and deliberation. But the prospect that a numerous class of people belonging to our Church

who have not hitherto enjoyed in their full extent, the advantages of public worship and religious instruction, will be furnished with them under the most advantageous circumstances, must give pleasure to every pious and benevolent mind.

On the 18th of July, in Zion Church, in the city of New York, I admitted the Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Deacon, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the officiating minister of that church, to the order of Priests. It gives me pleasure to state, that this congregation, which were considerably dispersed by the calamitous event which destroyed their church, have generally returned to their new and commodious edifice, and have received an accession of numbers.

On Sunday, the 29th of August, I visited Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and administered Confirmation to 32 persons; and the next day, at St. James' Church, Hyde Park, to 29 persons.

In the month of September, I visited and preached in the following churches, and performed the following Episcopal duties:—On Thursday, the 2d, I consecrated St. Peter's Church, Waterville, and administered Confirmation to 44 persons. This church, though erected some years since, was left in an unfinished state, and has been recently completed. The following day, the 3d, I visited Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, and administered Confirmation to seven persons; Sunday, the 5th, St. Peter's Church, Albany, and Confirmed 130 persons; and the next day instituted the Rev. William B. Lacey into the Rectorship of that Church; and preached in St. Paul's, Troy; where, on the following day, the 7th, I administered Confirmation to 43 persons. On Wednesday morning, the 8th, Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, and preached; and in the afternoon administered Confirmation in the church at Waterford to 9 persons. On Thursday the 9th, I visited the church at Stillwater, and administered Confirmation to 3 persons. On Saturday, the 11th, I preached to the congregation at Sandy Hill, Washington county. On Sunday, the 12th, at Trinity Church, Granville, in the same county, and administered Confirmation, to 23 persons. And on Monday, the 13th, I preached in Christ Church, Hampton. On the following day I returned to Sandy Hill and administered Confirmation to 15 persons. On Friday, the 17th, I visited St. John's Church, Johnstown, and confirmed 34 persons; on Sunday, the 19th, Trinity Church, Utica, and confirmed 23 persons; on Monday, the 20th, St. Paul's Church, Paris, and consecrated the building recently erected there, and confirmed 79 persons. On Tuesday, the 21st, I performed the interesting solemnities of consecrating, by the name of St. Peter's Church, the chapel erected for the use of the Indians, at Oneida Castle, and of confirming 56 Indians, who had been prepared for that holy ordinance by their instructor, Mr. Eleazar Williams. On the following day, I visited a recently organized congregation at Smithfield, in the town of Lenox, and administered Confirmation to eight persons; in the evening of that day I preached in Christ Church, Manlius; Confirmation having been administered there the preceding year. On the 23d, I visited the congregation at Tully and Preble, and confirmed 7 persons; on the 25th, the church at New Berlin, and confirmed 19 persons; on Sunday, the 26th, the church at Oxford, and administered Confirmation to 20 persons; on the 28th, Trinity Church, Athens, and

administered Confirmation to 11 persons; on the 29th, St. Luke's Church, Catskill, and administered Confirmation to 33 persons.

The total number confirmed in the past year amounts to 1474.

On the 16th of the present month, I instituted the Rev. Thomas Breintnall into the Rectorship of Zion Church, in the city of New York; and on Monday, the 18th, admitted the Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, into the holy order of Priests.

In addition to those already noticed, there have been, in the past year, the following institutions:—The Rev. Russel Wheeler, into the Rectorship of Zion Church, Butternutts, he having continued to officiate as missionary in the church at Unadilla, and in other congregations; the Rev. David Brown, into the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; and the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, into the Rectorship of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.

In addition to those already mentioned, the following changes are to be noted:—The Rev. George B. Andrews has removed into the Diocese of Connecticut, though he occasionally officiates to the congregation at Patterson, in Putnam county; the Rev. James W. Eastburn, Deacon, has removed, by letters dismissory from me, to the Diocese of Virginia; the Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., has resigned the Rectorship of the church at Duanesburgh, and taken charge for the present of that at Charlton; the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., has resigned the charge of St. Michael's, Bloomingdale; the Rev. Charles McCabe, Deacon, officiates at the church at Milton; and the Rev. John Grigg, jun., Deacon, has been officiating in the church at Ballston Spa, the Rectorship of which church the Rev. Joseph Perry has resigned, and removed into the Diocese of Connecticut; the Rev. William Powell has discontinued his services as minister of the church at Yonkers, and confines himself to the charge of a private seminary at Bloomingdale; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins has resigned the Rectorship of St. George's Church, Schenectady, and taken charge of the church at Hudson; the Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, officiates at St. John's Church, Johnstown; and the Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, officiates at the churches at Lansingburgh and Waterford; the Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon, who, on account of ill health relinquished the charge of the church at Auburn, and, in hope of regaining his health, went to Charleston, South Carolina, has since departed this life. The very amiable character of this young clergyman, who united soundness of principles with respectable talents, and great zeal in the discharge of his duty, renders his death a subject of great regret.

Thomas Y. How, a suspended presbyter, for charges affecting his moral character, to which he plead guilty, has been degraded by me from the ministry.

The following are candidates for orders:—Deodatus Babcock, James P. Cotter, James P. F. Clarke, William H. De Lancey, Frederick T. Tiffany, William B. Thomas, George W. Doane, Moses Burt, G. M. Robison, Eleazar Williams, Ezra B. Kellogg, John Garfield, William Jarvis, William Thompson, Richard Bury, Lawson Carter, Benjamin Dorr, Peter Williams, jun., Benjamin P. Aydelot, M. D., William L. Johnson, Alonzo Potter.

The importance of Missionary labours, and the zeal and fidelity with which our Missionaries discharge their arduous duties, cannot be too highly appreciated. To those labours we are indebted, under the Divine blessing, for the organization of many new congregations in various parts of the State. I lament, however, to say, that the Missionary Fund does not admit of our sending Missionaries to many situations where their labours are earnestly desired, and would be eminently useful; and thus many opportunities are lost of establishing congregations of our Church. In my visitations of the Diocese, I have seen many places "white unto the harvest," but there were no labourers to "put in the sickle." I have had my feelings often awakened by the anxious inquiry of those who, from the paucity of their numbers, and the inadequacy of their means, are unable to procure the ministrations of the word and ordinances—Can you not supply us with Missionary services, and thus establish among us the Church to which we are attached?—And I have been compelled to depress their earnest desires by an answer in the negative.

The stipend allowed to each Missionary for the last year was only \$175; the remainder of their support depending on the contributions of the congregations among whom they officiate. The Missionary Fund, which is under the direction of the Bishop and a Committee chosen annually by the Convention, entitled "the Committee for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," has for two years past derived considerable aid from the "New York Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society," who place their funds at the disposal of his Committee; to whom, with the Bishop, the Missionary business is confided by the canons of the Church. But the other sources from which the Missionary Fund is supplied (the contributions of the congregations) have so much diminished in the past year, that the Committee, so far from indulging the gratifying prospect of sending Missionaries to many places where they are wanted, will be under the necessity of diminishing the number of the present Missionaries, or of reducing their small stipends. My brethren, what is to be done? I see the contributions of Episcopalians extend to religious institutions not immediately connected with their own Church. I see their bounty flowing in channels that convey it to earth's remotest ends; and yet many of their fellow Episcopalians in *this State* are destitute of the ministrations and ordinances of the Church, and unable, from their poverty, to procure them. Many of *their own* clergy are labouring as Missionaries on a scanty stipend, which, from the inadequacy of the Missionary Fund, *must* be reduced. It would be presumptuous, and it would be useless for me to attempt to control their bounty. But having seen and felt, being perpetually called to see and feel, the spiritual wants of many of those of whom I have the charge, may I not be permitted, in the strong impulse of duty, to ask—If the bounty of Episcopalians now *generally* distributed, were confined to their own household, till the wants of that household were supplied; if their contributions for religious purposes were bestowed on Missionary and on Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, and other institutions under the exclusive control of their own Church, would they violate any apostolic precept; any dictate of a sound and

enlightened benevolence; or fail in the duty of extending in its purest form the kingdom of the Redeemer?

Among the pleasing circumstances which I noticed in my recent visitation, was the consecration of the Indian Chapel at Oneida, and the evidence of the continued zeal of Mr. Eleazar Williams in promoting the interests of his Indian brethren. The young Onondaga chief, whom I mentioned in my last address as desirous of procuring an education for the purpose of qualifying him as the spiritual instructor of his countrymen, will be able, through the bounty of Episcopalians and others, principally in the city of New York, and through the aid of the government of the United States, to attain his object. He is advantageously receiving an education under the care of the Rev. Mr. Fuller, of Rensselaerville.

In the state of the Church at Utica, I received a strong evidence of the beneficial effects of continuing the service in destitute congregations, by means of lay reading. That congregation for more than a year have been deprived of ministerial services; and yet, by the judicious attention and exertions of some of their own number, who, without interfering with the ministerial functions, kept the church open, by reading prayers and a sermon, and extended their counsel and care to their brethren of the congregation, and particularly to the young, the spiritual interests of the Church have been preserved from serious injury. They now enjoy the benefit of ministerial services in the Rev. Mr. Shaw, Deacon, who has removed to that place from the State of North Carolina.

The church at Paris may be mentioned in confirmation of the same sentiment. That congregation was originally formed by Church people from the State of Connecticut; and though, for between 20 and 30 years, enjoying only the occasional labours of the ministry, they have met every Sunday for worship; and firm in their attachment to the distinguishing principles of the Church, they have not only remained in undiminished numbers, but have sent forth a small band, who now compose the congregation at Smithfield, in Lenox. I have often visited them in their humble edifice, of the dimensions and appearance of a school-house, and witnessed and enjoyed the primitive order and devotion with which they offered their supplications and praises. I recently visited them, and enjoyed the same scene, under circumstances more inspiring in the neat and commodious edifice which their pious liberality, humble as are comparatively their means, has erected. I am bound in justice to mention, that to this good work they were animated by the successful exertions of the Rev. Mr. Huse, who has for these two years officiated among them.

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity,—A remark here forces itself upon me, which, in conclusion, I would press upon your attention. My observation of this Diocese, and of that of Connecticut, of which I have had the charge, has satisfied me, that the best, and indeed the only effectual mode of preserving and extending our Church in its purity, is by the prudent but zealous and undaunted inculcation of its distinguishing principle. The laymen who are characterised by these principles, compose the best materials out of which to

form new congregations, and are that "salt" which preserves from extinction those which may be suffering the decays of age.

To preach the doctrines of sinfulness and guilt of man, and of his salvation only through the merits and grace of a Divine Mediator, is that cardinal duty of the Christian minister, without which his preaching will be but sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. These doctrines, however, my Brethren of the Clergy, are often preached by others with a fidelity and a talent that we cannot excel, and which should command our respect and our esteem. But the minister of the Church who considers the numerous declarations of CHRIST and His apostles, which connect salvation in its covenanted form with a visible society possessing officers and ordinances divinely constituted, believing that the Church of which he is a minister, enjoys those orders of the ministry which have been from the apostles' times, and which are authorised to dispense the word and the ordinances, will explain and inculcate the duty of union with this ministry as the mode of communion with the mystical body of CHRIST, and as the means of avoiding the deadly sin of schism.

This may not indeed be the path which will conduct him to that praise which cometh from men: they will often rank these distinguishing principles among the non-essentials of Christianity, the things of indifference, which contracted and deluded bigots alone will inculcate or receive. It will not obtain for him the praise of that *liberality* which is the idol to which the world (for the world must always have an idol) is now rendering homage. But he can humbly trust that it will secure for him the approbation of that Master by whom he and the world are to be judged; and supported by this confidence, he can rise superior to the plaudits of the world, and to its scoffs and its persecutions. For he believes that in inculcating the distinguishing principles of his Church, in union with those great doctrines which are common to the body of professing Christians, he fulfils his momentous duty of "seeking for CHRIST's sheep that are dispersed abroad," and of bringing them into that "fold in which they will be saved through CHRIST for ever."

Brethren of the Clergy—The Christian minister who is emulous of the praise of men, need not covet, in the judgment of him who addresses you, a higher commendation than that which is bestowed on Bishop Horsley by the profound scholar and eminent prelate, who is now carrying the light of our apostolic Church to the regions of the east, Bishop Middleton—that he run "a glorious though unpopular career in an heretical and apostate age."*

But after all, to the Christian minister, how poor is the praise of men—wherein is it to be accounted of? "There is One that judgeth him, even the LORD."

JOHN HENRY HOBART.

ALBANY, October 20, 1819.

The Bishop; from "the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New

* Bishop Middleton in his work on the Greek Article.

York," presented the following abstract of the Reports of Missionaries :

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego county, and parts adjacent, writes to the Bishop as follows :

I have attended two Sundays, the past year, at Cooperstown : the others, at New Berlin, Burlington, and St. John's, Otsego. Have baptised one adult and one child at Verona. Two adults and 48 children at Oneida : the adults and 43 children being of the Oneida nation. One adult and 22 children at New Berlin, and its vicinity. Two adults and three children at Sherburne. One child at Paris. One adult and six children at St. John's, Otsego and its vicinity. Five children at Cooperstown. Ten in the town of Hartwick, and one at Richfield. The whole number being 104. Three marriages, and five burials.

It is still a pleasing, although a laborious task, to perform the duties of a missionary. I am delighted in witnessing the devout behaviour of many of our people in the different congregations I have visited ; God grant this spirit of devotion may increase. It cannot reasonably be expected that I should perform as much missionary duty as I have in former years : although I have been enabled to be active for the last six months, in which time I have visited a great number of families. I flatter myself I shall have your approbation, and the approbation of my brethren ; but above all I am animated with the pleasing hope of having the final approbation of the Sovereign Judge and LORD of all. If this is granted it will be through grace.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Buffalo, and parts adjacent, writes to the Bishop as follows :

Since entering upon my western mission my services have been principally divided between Buffalo, Batavia, and Black Rock. One Sunday in four I have devoted to Batavia ; on the other three I have attended two services at Buffalo, and one at Black Rock. I have also performed Divine service on Sunday, twice at Le Roy, twice at a settlement five miles north of Batavia ; three times at Williamsville, and once in Hamburg. The state of the several organized congregations under my charge, I would wish to represent as prosperous, but cannot dissemble. At Buffalo the depression of the times is peculiarly great ; many families of our congregation have removed, and of those remaining I hear nothing but complaints of embarrassment. But, notwithstanding their misfortunes, they have found means, by the assistance of the contributions in Albany and New York, to erect a very handsome church, in the Gothic style. The building is nearly enclosed. But, while

our future prospects depend upon the completion of this church, the people have not funds to finish it. The losses they have sustained during the late war are felt too severely to ask them to do more. Buffalo will ultimately be a place of such importance, that I think every exertion ought to be made to maintain the ground that the Church has gained.

The congregation at Batavia is much in the same condition as that at Buffalo. At Black Rock our members are increasing; the people are generally serious and attentive. At Williamsville and Hamburg I hope to be able to organize societies during another year: other places, where there are Episcopalians, I shall soon visit; feeling bound by my obligations as a missionary to do as much as is in my power for the satisfaction of all our people, however scattered over a widely extended country.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario and adjacent counties, reports to the Bishop as follows:

Since the date of my last report I have performed service in the following places:—At Richmond 17 Sundays; at Le Roy 17; at Avon 8 Sundays both parts of the day, and 7 Sundays but half the day, having appropriated the other half to Geneseo, where a church, to be known by the name and style of St. Michael's Church, Geneseo, has, with excellent prospects, been recently organized. A certificate of this organization will herewith be forwarded to you. At Livonia, where there are several Episcopal families, I have officiated one Sunday, and twice have visited that place for the purpose of performing a third service, after officiating at Richmond. One Sunday I have officiated at Rochester; one in Canandaigua, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, and once have performed a second service in Bergen, eight miles north from Le Roy, within, and in the neighbourhood of which town, there are several families of Churchmen, emigrants from the eastern States, and much attached to the Church.

In the last mentioned place I administered baptism to three persons, one adult and two children.

The whole number of baptisms for the present year, in all the societies where I have officiated, is 26; of these, 24 were infants and children, and two adults. The year past has been so healthful in this part of the State, that I have been called to attend but two funerals, both of them children. One adult, a communicant in the church at Le Roy, has died. Marriages, in Richmond, three, and one in Livonia.

The prospects of the Church in this part of the Diocese are generally flattering. It is, however, manifest, that the pecuniary distress of the times affects it, as it does all other institutions dependent in any degree upon pecuniary means. It would be

wrong to suspect that there is any decrease of piety and zeal on the part of those who belong to it ; but many want means to lend a helping hand ; many also, who are not attached to the Church, but who, from their respect for it, wish to be so, are deterred by the circumstance that the times are so pressing, that they shall not be able to do that to which their ambition, and their wish to do good, prompt them. They wish to be actually, as well as nominally, its friends, that their means, as well as their names, should contribute to its support and respectability. This circumstance renders it necessary that, for the well being of the Church, we have more missionary aid. One cannot with any profit or advantage supply all the churches which have not resident Clergymen ; it would be too laborious a duty, and his services would be so scattered, that they would have but little effect. The impressions made in one day (especially in these times, when every one feels himself overborne with worldly concerns) will in a few weeks be lost and forgotten. I believe it to be highly important, that to every three or four societies in these new settlements, there should be one missionary ; the people may then be frequently called together ; societies near each other might attend in the same place ; a little encouragement will excite them to do something for those who are sent among them ; if they can have in prospect stated and regular services, they will, in the hope of seeing the Church flourish, exert themselves to make those missionaries comfortable who officiate among them. I think it is important that a missionary should be stationed at Le Roy or Batavia, to supply those places and Sheldon, and also to collect together the Churchmen scattered through the towns of Bergen and Riga. Could this be done, and another provided for Rochester and its vicinity, our Church in this part of the Diocese would be well supplied for the present. I fear, however, there is a deficiency of means, and I much regret that it is at present next to impossible to obtain any assistance for missionary purposes in that part of the country where I reside. This consideration has deterred me from soliciting any. Those with whom I have conversed on the subject have thought it inexpedient to ask either for contributions or subscriptions. In truth, we have now to offer for the Church, little else than our prayers.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary in Seneca and Ontario counties, reports to the Bishop as follows :

Since the date of my last annual report, my labours have been pretty much confined to the churches at Waterloo, Seneca county ; Vienna, Ontario county ; and Catharines, Tioga county. The advancement of the Church at Waterloo, for the year past, has

been equal to the most enlarged expectations of its friends. The congregations, in point of numbers, have, for the most part, been very respectable, and the worship has been uniformly conducted with decency and solemnity; an attachment to our liturgy and services throughout, has evidently increased with an acquaintance with them, and the religious ordinances, administered according to the forms and usages of the Church, have been generally acknowledged to be peculiarly solemn and impressive. Whilst the congregation has been gradually increasing in numbers, it has been highly gratifying to mark the increase of seriousness which has been evinced by the people, not only in their patient and attentive hearing of the word preached, but more particularly in a desire expressed for the ordinances of the Gospel. The sacrament of Baptism has been administered to a considerable number of adults and children, and about 24 have already united themselves with our communion. There is a favourable prospect at present of making additions, ere long, to the list both of baptisms and communicants. The great Head of the Church, we trust, will yet grant unto us an abundant increase. It would contribute very essentially to the growth of this society, if they had the privilege of assembling in a house every way convenient, and set apart for public worship. Aware of this, and being desirous to effect an object so important, our friends in this village have taken the first step towards it, by procuring an eligible site for a building. The principal materials for a house are very easy of access, and can be pretty readily obtained, but for the want of money to prosecute and complete their work, they are unable to proceed. Their *peculiar situation*, however, I trust, claims attention, and will be duly considered by our friends abroad.

The congregation of St. John's Church, Sulphur Springs, continues to assemble for worship, at the village of Vienna. There have been some additions to the society of late, and from the earnest wish expressed for a continuance of our services, we may hope for a considerable increase in the course of another year. One-fourth of my time is devoted to this parish.

The church at Catharines, Tioga county, I have visited twice during the present season, and administered the ordinances to the faithful little flock in that remote region. It gave me much pleasure to find, that this society (though it has had but little intercourse with the sister churches, and has long laboured under peculiar difficulties) was likely to prosper. They have recently had some accession to their numbers: they have gone on, and nearly completed the little house which was erected a few years ago for public worship, and are now nearly in a situation to invite the attention of a Missionary. From my acquaintance with this church, I am well persuaded that it needs nothing but the more

frequent ministrations of a clergyman, to render its condition prosperous.

In conclusion, it may be proper to add, that during the year past, for two Sundays, my ministerial duties were interrupted by sickness, and that I was absent from my charge one Sunday besides, having gone below to take Priests' orders. Besides lecturing on week days, I have, in the course of the season, officiated on Sundays at Canandaigua, Geneva, and Auburn, in exchange with my reverend brethren residing in those villages.

St. Paul's Church, Waterloo. Families, about 28 ; baptisms, adults 13, children 20,—total 33 ; communicants 24 ; funerals, in the parish and neighbourhood, 12.

St. John's Church, Vienna, (formerly Sulphur Springs.) Baptisms, 5 ; communicants, 12 ; funerals, 2.

St. John's Church, Catharine's Town. Families, 22 ; baptisms, 8 ; communicants, 19.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary in Albany and Greene counties, writes to the Bishop as follows :

The first Sunday after the last Convention was passed at Catskill, on my return home ; and I preached in St. Luke's Church in the afternoon. The next three Sundays I officiated in Trinity Church, Rensselaerville. From that time to the end of the year, I have officiated at Rensselaerville and at Greeneville, one Sunday in each place, alternately.

At Rensselaerville, the worship of the Church has been more numerously attended than in the year preceding ; in every other respect the society remains much in its former state. A few Sundays, in the intermission of the ordinary service, I have instructed such children as were disposed to attend, in the Catechism and in reading the Scriptures.

At Greeneville the congregation has been respectable for numbers ; and the service has been performed with correctness and apparent devotion. The people have held service principally in a tolerable convenient room in the Academy ; but three Sundays the service was held in as many different places in the vicinity of the Academy, the better to accommodate some who resided at a distance from the usual place of worship. Some additions have been made to the communion.

So far as one can form an opinion from appearances, it is thought that the objections to the service of the Church have much subsided. The propriety of being worshippers, and not mere spectators, is more seen and acknowledged. Were there more *worshippers* in Christian assemblies, there would, unquestionably, be fewer *objections* to the service of the Church.

Baptisms, in Greeneville, adults 4, children 18 ; in other places, children 4.—Total 26. Marriages, 4.

Collections for the Missionary Fund.—Rensselaerville, \$3 81; Greeneville, \$3 75.—Total \$7 56.

Collections for the Episcopal Fund.—Rensselaerville, \$3 26 ; Greeneville, \$2 02.—Total \$5 28.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties, writes to the Bishop as follows :

The year past I have officiated one-half of the time at Windham, the other half at Cairo, except one Sunday in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Prentiss, at Athens and Catskill. The Rev. Mr. Fuller took the charge of the Church at Greeneville, where I officiated, that I might attempt to form a society at Cairo, having been repeatedly requested to preach in that quarter. It would be important to establish a church here, to be connected with Windham, as there is no place so near to Windham where there is any prospect of forming a society. My success so far is nearly equal to my expectations, so that I shall probably continue another year, organize a church, and administer the Communion. Divine service is now performed with propriety on the part of the people. There are about forty Common Prayer Books belonging to the congregation.

I have frequently preached three times on Sunday, and lectured on week days. From the first of December to the second week in March, I preached nearly every Tuesday evening in the Durham Society. I have baptised twelve children, married two couple, and attended one funeral ; have catechised the children at Windham, both in the Church Catechism and in the explanation of it, and explained both to the children and congregation. I have organized a library society in the Windham parish, which, I am in hopes, will be beneficial to the Church ; the library is to be composed of books owned by the members of the society, and such books as shall be purchased or obtained by donation. The communicants are the same as in my last report. Have preached the missionary sermons, and made the collections.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rector of Zion Church, Butternutts, and officiating Minister and Missionary in the county of Otsego, and parts adjacent, reports as follows :

My missionary services for the year past have been given to destitute congregations in the counties of Otsego, Delaware, Chenango, and Broome. I have endeavoured to be faithful in discharging the duties of my station, by preaching the Gospel "in season and out of season," and in giving the sacraments of the

Church of God to that portion of our brethren who are dispersed through this part of the Diocese, not enjoying the stated means of salvation.

Zion Church, Butternutts, and St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, have been under my more immediate care, and are nearly in the same state as when I made my last annual report. I verily believe our prospects are not less flattering or our success less certain.

I have preached several times in St. Paul's Church, Oxford, since the last Convention, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Bush, who is only "admitted Deacon;" where I have given the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I have visited the churches at Binghampton, Windsor, and Coventry, where I have preached and given the sacraments of the Church; and I have officiated in the Church societies of Masonville and Franklin. I have only to observe, that the friends of our Church in this vicinity have no cause of discouragement in missionary pursuits.

Zion Church, Butternutts. Baptisms, 20; communicants, 100.

St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla. Baptisms, 10; communicants, 50. *Windsor*, communicants, 25; *Coventry*, 20; *Binghampton*, 10. Baptisms, 15.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary in Onondaga county, and counties adjacent, writes to the Bishop as follows:

During the last year my missionary services have been confined principally to the church in Onondaga, and in Tully, Courtlandt county. In the former the congregation has increased, and a considerable number have been added to the communion. Of Tully I can say no more than I did when you were there last month. The number of communicants in both congregations is about 65. Besides my attention to Onondaga and Tully, I have performed Divine service four Sundays at Otisco, where there is a small congregation sincerely attached to our Church; and one Sunday at Pompey. I have exchanged one Sunday with the Rev. Mr. Pardee, of Manlius, and officiated one Sunday at Auburn, during the absence of the Rev. Mr. Smith, by way of exchange with the Rev. Mr. Orin Clark, of Geneva, who preached for me in this place. I have likewise given many lectures on week days in various places. I have taken no small pains to instruct the children of these several places in the Church Catechism, and to explain to them the nature and obligations of the Christian covenant; and I can truly say, with the Rev. William Jones, of Noyland, "that the smiles of children have more than compensated for the frowns and scoffs of unbelievers." I have administered Baptism to about seventy infants and children, and ten adults, about one-third of which were of the Onondaga and Oneida Indians. Marriages, four; funerals, six.

The Rev. Amos Pardee, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent, writes to the Bishop as follows :

Since entering on the duties of my mission, I have on week days preached in the adjacent towns, Pompey, Cazenovia, and Quality Hill, in Lenox.

The last Sunday in every month, I have regularly, without loss of time through ill health or badness of weather, spent at Lenox, or rather Smithfield parish.

The remainder of Sundays, except those in which I have exchanged with the Rev. Mr. Gear, I have spent in the church in Manlius ; also Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, Good-Friday, &c. I have catechised the children and youth, some part of the time every other Wednesday, and some part of the time every Wednesday, during the summer past. I have baptised in Manlius two adults and 13 children, have married two couple, and attended six funerals.

One communicant has removed, one has died, and six have been added, which makes the whole number 70.

The people of this parish are, I believe, increasing in the knowledge and attachment to the principles of the Church.

In the little village of Lenox, or rather Smithfield, before the Church was organized, there was a very general profanation of the LORD's day, and disregard to all the institutions of religion : now the people generally reverence them all, and some have professed the Christian faith in a compliance with the sacraments of the Gospel.

The congregation during the last year has greatly increased. The baptisms have been five, and one funeral.

There are about thirty communicants firmly attached to the doctrine, ministry, and worship of our Church. The people of this parish are poor, but being generally young, and having increasing properties, as they have already the will, it is hoped they may, ere long, have the ability to build a house for the worship of God.

Some more Prayer Books, and Tracts on the doctrine, ministry, and worship of the Church, might be very profitably bestowed among this people.

The Rev. Leverett Bush, Deacon, Missionary at Oxford, Chenango county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows :

Since the last Convention I have officiated regularly in Oxford on Sundays ; and, during the past summer, I have delivered lectures on the service of the Church every Friday.

I have also performed Divine service during week days, in the

following places : in Binghampton twice, in Coventry four times, and once in Danby, Tioga county. In the last mentioned place there are five or six families of enlightened and pious Episcopalians, who evince great solicitude to have the Church established amongst them.

The congregation of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, is gradually increasing ; and I anticipate the period when it will become large and respectable.

The present number of communicants is 44. Six added since the last Convention. Baptisms, four ; marriages, five ; funerals, four.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows :

During the last year, I have preached occasionally at Lewisville, where I administered the sacrament, and baptised several children ; in that village there is great room for missionary labours, and the time, I trust, is not far distant, when a church will be established there.

One Sunday I passed at Sackett's Harbour, Jefferson county, and baptised four children ; I found several Episcopalians there, and it is much to be regretted that they have never had a Church clergyman resident among them. I have preached several times at Boonville, Oneida county. I have spent two Sundays at Utica, while they were destitute of a pastor, and, by request of the people, administered the Holy Communion. The remainder of my time has been devoted to St. Paul's Church, Turin, where there is a gradual increase, notwithstanding the opposition and prejudice it has had to contend with. Number of communicants, about 23 ; baptisms, 15 ; marriages, 8 ; funerals, 2.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent, writes to the Bishop as follows :

My services have been for the past, as in the preceding year, principally devoted to the church at Sandy Hill. Other places have been visited, and in some I have preached and administered the sacraments. The continued illness of the Rev. Mr. Jewett has induced me to visit and officiate in his parish, for several Sundays. No material change has occurred in the church at Sandy Hill. The sacrament of Baptism has been several times administered. Some have been added to the Holy Communion, others died and removed. There is an increase of piety among those who continue to be attached to the worship of the Church. Much good has been done by the distribution of tracts and Prayer Books in connexion with the institution of a Sunday school. The reli-

gion of our Divine LORD, has not that free course in the part of the country embraced by my mission, which could be wished, and there is, therefore, need and room for the exertions of a pious, able, and zealous ministry. The means, however, of giving that ministry a necessary and proper support, and of erecting buildings for the more devout worship of Almighty God, are by no means considerable. It is not only right, but is conceived to be highly profitable to the interest of the Church, that a mission be continued in the part of the country to which the services of the writer of this report have been devoted.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Clergy rendered to the Bishop, and there are inserted on the Journals, the following Parochial Reports :

St. Peter's Church, Albany ; the Rev. William B. Lacey, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 73—80 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 22 ; communicants, added 53, removed 7, died 6,—present number 130.

Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county ; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 8—9 ; marriage, 1 ; funerals, 3 ; communicants, 35.

St. Peter's Church, Waterville, Delaware county ; the Rev. David Huntington, Minister.—Baptisms, 16 ; communicants, 47.

Divine service is well attended in St. John's Church, Delhi, which has been recently organized.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county ; the Rev. David Brown, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 13—20 ; funerals 3 ; communicants, about 70.

In pursuance of the appointment of the Bishop, the rector of this parish officiated one Sunday in Trinity Church, Fishkill.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county ; the Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Baptisms, 27 ; marriages, 11 ; families, 98 ; communicants, 110.

St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county ; the Rev. Henry Anthon, Minister.—Baptisms, 19 ; marriages, 2 ; funerals, 2 ; communicants, 26.

St. Luke's Church, Catskill, and Trinity Church, Athens, Greene county ; the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms 44 ; marriages, 11 ; funerals, 6 ; communicants, about 84.

Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Grace Church, Norway, Herkimer county; the Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Minister, (since 1817.)—Baptisms, 20; marriage, 1; funerals, 4; communicants, Fairfield (including seven students in the Academy) 38, Herkimer 5, Newport, Norway, and Russia 7.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county;* the Rev. Hugh Smith, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 19—21; marriages, 19; funerals, 20; communicants, added 10, died 1, removed into the parish 2,—present number 148.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county; the Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, Minister.—The present minister took charge of this parish on the 1st of November last; since which time there have been,—baptisms, adults 2, children 15—17 marriages 3; burial 1; communicants, 42.

Christ Church, New York; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Baptisms, 87; marriages, 48; burials, 13; communicants, 280.

Since the last Convention, about 30 communicants of colour have left this parish, and attached themselves to St. Philip's.

Grace Church, New York; the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 24—25; marriages, 2; communicants, about 150.

It has not been the practice to report funerals, there being no cemetery attached to this church, and no register of deaths.

St. Esprit, New York; the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pénéveyre, Rector.—Baptisms, 7; marriages, 3; communicants, 20.

The services of the Church are here celebrated in the French language.

St. George's Church, New York; the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, 74; marriages, 22; communicants, added 68, died and removed 17,—present number, 351.

St. Mark's Church, New York;† the Rev. William Creighton, Rector.—Baptisms, 23; marriages, 3; funerals, 22; communicants, about 100.

St. Philip's Church, New York; (a vacant church.) On the subject of this church, recently erected and consecrated for the use of coloured members of the Protestant Episcopal

* This report was forwarded to the Bishop.

† This report was forwarded to the Bishop, in a communication from the Rector, stating that he could not attend Convention in consequence of recent absence from his parish, on a journey rendered necessary by sickness in his family.

Church, the Bishop laid before the Convention the following letter addressed to him by Peter Williams, jun., a coloured man, who officiates, under the Bishop's license, as catechist and lay reader in St. Philip's.

RIGHT REVEREND AND KIND SIR :

Having been advised that it would be proper to present to you, at this time, some account of the state of St. Philip's Church, I beg leave to say, that since the consecration, which took place on the 3d of July, the church has been kept open for Divine service every LORD's day in the morning and afternoon, and frequently in the evening ; and once, as preparatory to the administration of the Holy Communion, we had service on a week evening. In the morning and afternoon I have generally performed service myself, agreeably to the appointment conferred on me as lay reader, and accompanied it with the reading of a sermon from some one of those authors which your Reverence recommended to me. In the evening, whenever we had service, the Reverend Clergy have officiated for us.

The sacrament of the LORD's Supper has been once administered in our church. The number who communicated were eighty-four. There is a prospect that at the next administration there will be some new communicants added.

But four persons have been baptised since the church has been opened. The uncertainty of having clerical aid, and, consequently, my inability to give timely notice, prevented the number from being greater.

Our morning congregations are but thin, owing to the peculiar circumstances of many of our people ; but the afternoon and evening congregations are quite numerous.

I have been anxious to have our worship conducted in the best order, and in strict conformity to the instructions of the Church ; and have succeeded in a good degree.

After the afternoon service, I employ myself in catechising the children, and I have the satisfaction of a large attendance, and of observing a considerable improvement among them. Our beginning affords good reason to hope, that all the happy effects, which the advocates of this establishment anticipated from it, will be realized. We feel that we have abundant cause of thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for what He has done for us, and we look forward in hope that we shall see still greater things than these.

It may not be amiss to add here, that we have established a Sunday-school in the church, with a male and female department, to which there are attached about eighty scholars, with a sufficient number of teachers, selected from among the most capable of our

young people. This institution promises to be of great utility, not only to the scholars, but to the teachers and to the Church, to the cause of literature, morality, and religion. We crave your prayers.

I am, Right Rev. Sir,
With great respect and gratitude,
Your obedient servant,

PETER WILLIAMS, jun.

NEW YORK, *October 18th*, 1819.

Right Rev. JOHN H. HOBART, D. D.

St. Stephen's Church, New York; * the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, children 138—144; marriages, 21; communicants, 400.

Trinity Church, including *St. Paul's*, and *St. John's Chapels, New York*; the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 23, children 207—230; marriages, 40; burials, parishioners 107, others 551—658; communicants, between 7 and 800.

A number of coloured communicants formerly belonging to this parish, have attached themselves to *St. Philip's Church*.

Zion Church, New York; the Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector.—Since January 1, when the present rector took charge of the parish, there have been,—baptisms, adults 24, children 62—86; marriages, 11; funerals, 39; communicants, 102.

St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 12; marriages, 4; funerals, 5; communicants, added 4, died 2, removed 2—present number 42.

The rector of this church has twice officiated in the congregation of *St. Luke's Church, Genesee Falls*, and married a couple at that place. He has officiated, once each, in the congregations of *Zion Church, Pittsford*, *Christ Church, Victor*, and *St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Ontario county*; and *St. Paul's Church, Waterloo, Seneca county*; also at *Penfield, Ontario county*, and *Montezuma, Cayuga county*; besides performing occasional services in the western part of *Canandaigua*.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county; the Rev. Orin Clark, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants 26—29; marriages, 3; funerals, 8; communicants, added 13, died and removed 9,—present number 54.

* This report was forwarded to the Bishop.

St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county ; the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 7, children 19—26 ; funerals, 2 ; communicants, 20 ; marriages, 2.

Agreeably to appointment, the minister of this church has officiated in the congregation of St. John's Church, Monticello, Sullivan county ; and also, by request, at Liberty, a few miles distant, where he baptised four children.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county ; the Rev. John Brown, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 14—16 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 13 ; communicants, added 12, died and removed 7,—present number, 49.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county ; the Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 14 ; marriages, 9 ; burials, 4 ; communicants, 54.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county ;* the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 14, infants 25—39 ; marriages, 28 ; burials, 24 ; communicants, since the separate organization of Christ Church, in North Hempstead, about 110.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county ; the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 3, infants 11—14 ; burials, 5 ; communicants, 58.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county ;* the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 16—18 ; marriages, 8 ; funerals, 8 ; communicants, 60.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and *Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county* ; the Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, 8 ; marriage, 1 ; funerals, 5 ; communicants, 50.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county ; the Rev. David Butler, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 30—37 ; burials, 5 ; communicants, 130 ; marriages, 8.

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county ;* the Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister.—Baptisms, 7 ; marriages, 4 ; burials, 2 ; communicants, about 60.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county ;* the Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister.—Baptisms, 13 ; marriages, 3 ;

* These reports were forwarded to the Bishop.

burials, 2 ; communicants, added 10, removed 3,—present number, 27.

The above report includes the services of the late rector, the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, up to the period of his resignation in June last. Through the Divine blessing, the prospects of this parish are very encouraging.

*Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county ;** the Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Baptisms, 7 ; marriages, 9 ; deaths, 16 ; communicants, about 50.

*St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county ;** the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 4, children 7—11 ; burials, 4.

Agreeably to a standing order of the Convention, the Clergy *rendered*, and agreeably to a resolution of the Convention of 1815, there is here *entered on the Journal* an account of collections for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds.

	Episcopal. \$ CTS.	Missionary. \$ CTS.
St. Peter's Church, Albany,		41 54
Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county, .	3 26	3 81
Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county, .	12 75	17 56
St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, .	13 75	8 25
Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, .	7 75	9 25
St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county, .	10 12	9 75
Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, Greene county,		7 00
Cairo, Greene county,		4 30
Christ Church, Greeneville, Greene county, .	2 02	3 75
Trinity Church, Windham, Greene county, .		3 70
Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county, .	9 00	
St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county, .	34 25	39 36
St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, .	8 93	9 77
Christ Church, New York,	26 56	53 60
Grace Church, New York,	107 70	175 35
St. Esprit, New York,	33 00	73 00
St. George's Church, New York,	100 06	129 33
St. Mark's Church, New York,	32 08	41 70
St. Michael's and St. James' Churches, New York, .	20 50	35 67
St. Stephen's Church, New York,		153 16
Trinity Church, New York,	72 62	190 91
St. Paul's Chapel, New York,	72 00	152 00

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	Episcopal. \$ cts.	Missionary. \$ cts.
St. John's Chapel, New York,	45 68	83 85
Zion Church, New York,	46 45	48 84
St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county,	13 30	16 17
Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county,	16 00	
St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county,	3 25	9 50
St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county,	7 37	5 00
St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county,		24 07
Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county,	16 28	18 87
Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county,*	20 56	
St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county,		50 00
Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county,*	10 18	
St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county,	11 77	22 37
Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county,	5 86	
Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county,		15 17
St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county,	8 36	17 50

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund† made the following report, which was accepted by the Convention :

The Trustees of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate in the Diocese of New York, respectfully report to the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, that the Fund now amounts to nineteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars and seventeen cents, and consists of

Sundry Bonds and Mortgages, being the same which were held at the period of the last meeting of the Convention,	17,548 04
Six per cent. Stock of the United States, loan of 1813, purchased during the current year, and standing in the names of the Trustees,	1,300 00
Interest outstanding, viz. :	
On the Bonds,	685 56
On the Stock,	19 50
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	705 06
Cash on hand,	97 07
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	<u>\$19,650 17</u>

* In consequence of the illness of the minister of these churches, the Missionary Collections have not been made.

† The Episcopal Fund, formed of annual collections for the purpose, is to be permitted to accumulate, without diminution, until its annual profits become adequate to the support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Trustees subjoin a list of the Bonds which belong to the Fund, with a statement of the interest outstanding on a part of them; and they submit with this their account current. They are prepared to exhibit also the several Bonds and Mortgages, and a certificate of the Stock in which the investments are made.

GERRIT H. VAN WAGENEN,
JOSHUA JONES,
D. I. GREENE,
WILLIAM JOHNSON.

NEW YORK, October 18th, 1819.

With the foregoing report were exhibited a list of the Bonds belonging to the Fund, and the account current of the Trustees, together with the proof of the same. All which were approved by the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be at liberty to appropriate any part of said Fund to the purchase of Stock of the State of New York, or the city of New York.

The following gentlemen were elected Delegates to the General Convention:

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., the Rev. David Butler, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk; the Hon. Rufus King, Dr. John Onderdonk, Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Esq., Richard Harison, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee of the Diocese:

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., the Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., the Rev. James Montgomery; Richard Harison, Esq., Gen. Matthew Clarkson, William Ogden, Col. Nicholas Fish.

The following gentlemen were elected "The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," of which the Bishop is *ex-officio*, President:

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, the Rev. James Montgomery; Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Dr. John Onderdonk, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq.

Agreeably to a canon of this Diocese of 1806, entitled "A Canon providing for the supply of vacant parishes," the Bishop

appointed the following supplies for vacant congregations not usually visited by Missionaries.

Fishkill, the Rev. Mr. Reed, and the Rev. John Brown.

Patterson, Putnam county, the Rev. David Brown.

Monticello, the Rev. John Brown, the Rev. Mr. Phinney, and the Rev. Mr. Cadle.

Peekskill and Philipstown, the Rev. Mr. Kearny.

Schenectady, the Rev. Mr. Lacey, and the Rev. Mr. Proal.

Duanesburgh, the Rev. Mr. Fuller, and the Rev. Mr. Lacey.

Stillwater, the Rev. Mr. Butler, and the Rev. Mr. Upfold.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

Bishop of the Prot. Episc. Church, in the State of New York, and President of the Convention.

Attested,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary*.

MODE OF INCORPORATING CHURCHES.

The Secretary of the Convention has, agreeably to request, taken legal advice on the subject of the mode of incorporating Protestant Episcopal Churches required by the act of the Legislature of this State for the incorporation of religious societies, and the act to amend the same; and has obtained the following

DIRECTIONS.

Episcopalians disposed to incorporate themselves, may meet for this purpose at any time; notice having been given at the time of morning service, on two previous Sundays, by the Rector, if there be one, or, if there be none, by some other person belonging to the congregation.

The only qualifications required of the persons so meeting, are, that they should be men of full age, and should belong to a church, congregation, or society, in which Divine worship is celebrated according to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York.

When met, they will proceed, by a majority of voices, to elect two Churchwardens and eight Vestrymen, and determine their corporate name, and on what day in Easter Week their *future* annual elections of Churchwardens and Vestrymen shall be held.

The Rector is to preside at this first election. If there be none, then any other person who may be called to the Chair.

When the business of the meeting is accomplished, the Chairman, with two other persons, are to make a certificate of the proceedings, under their hands and seals, in the presence of two or more witnesses, who are to subscribe as such; which certificate

is to be acknowledged by the persons who execute it, or proved by one or more of the subscribing witnesses, before the Chancellor, or one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, or one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas where the place of worship is situated, and then recorded by the Clerk of such county, in a book to be by him provided for the purpose. The form of this certificate and proof is subjoined.

The Churchwardens and Vestrymen so chosen, and their successors, together with the Rector, if there be one, will form the Vestry.

The subsequent annual elections are to be held on the day mentioned in the certificate, immediately after morning service, and the persons then qualified to vote will be those who shall have belonged to the congregation for twelve months preceding, and shall have been baptised in the Protestant Episcopal Church, or received therein by the rite of Confirmation, or by receiving the Holy Communion, or by purchasing or hiring a pew or seat in the Church.

The Rector, or if there be none, or he be absent, one of the Churchwardens or Vestrymen will preside at the annual elections, and receive the votes, and enter the proceedings in the Book of Minutes of the Vestry, and sign his name thereto, and offer the same to as many of the electors present as he shall think fit, to be by them signed and certified.

In cases of vacancy in the Vestry, by death or otherwise, the Board are to appoint a time and place for holding an election to supply the vacancy, of which at least ten days' previous notice should be given at the time of Divine service.

The ordinary meetings of the Vestry are to be convened by written notices, under the hand of the Rector or one of the Churchwardens, to be served on the members at least three days previous.

The Rector is to preside at the meetings of the Vestry ; and if there be no Rector, then such one of the Churchwardens as may be called to the Chair by a majority of voices ; but no Board can be formed unless the Rector, if there be one, and one of the Churchwardens, and a majority of the Vestrymen, be present. If there be no Rector, then one of the Churchwardens, and a majority of the Vestrymen, will form a Board.

Form of Certificate and Proof, above mentioned.

To all whom these presents may concern,

We, whose names and seals are hereunto affixed, do certify, that in pursuance of a notice given for that purpose, at the time of Divine service, on the two Sundays now last past, the male

persons of full age belonging to the Church, Congregation, or Society at _____, in the county of _____, in which Divine service is celebrated according to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, met at the _____, in the said _____, for the purpose of incorporating themselves under the act, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Religious Societies," and the act to amend the same; at which meeting, and by a majority of voices, the undersigned A. B. was called to the Chair, and presided; and, by a like majority of voices, _____ were elected Churchwardens, and _____ were elected Vestrymen of the said Church, Congregation, or Society; and _____ day in the week called Easter Week was, in like manner, fixed on as the day on which the said officers of Churchwardens and Vestrymen shall annually thereafter cease, and their successors in office be chosen. And the name or title of "the Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen of _____ Church, at _____," was in like manner fixed on and agreed to, as that by which the said church, congregation, or society shall be known in law.

In testimony whereof, we, the said A. B. together with the undersigned C. D. and E. F. have hereunto subscribed our names, and affixed our seals, this _____ day of _____, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and _____

A. B.	(L. S.)
C. D.	(L. S.)
E. F.	(L. S.)

Signed and sealed in presence of

On this _____ day of _____, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and _____, before me, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the county of _____, personally appeared A. B. C. D. and E. F. known to me, [and severally acknowledged that they had signed and sealed the foregoing certificate.]

If it be proved by a subscribing witness, insert the following in place of the words within crotchets—who being duly sworn, did depose and say, that he was present, and saw A. B. C. D. and E. F. whose names and seals are affixed to the foregoing certificate, sign and seal the same; and that the deponent, together with _____, did, in their presence, and at their request, subscribe the same as witnesses.



LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of New York.

[This list is corrected up to the close of February, 1820, until which period, owing to circumstances beyond the Secretary's control, the publication of the Journal has been delayed.]

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop, and Rector of Trinity Church, including St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, New York.

The Rev. Henry Anthon Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Deodatus Babcock, Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, Niagara county.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, officiating in Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county.

The Rev. William Barlow, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector of Zion Church, New York.

The Rev. David Brown, Rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.

The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, and Minister of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county.

The Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island.

The Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon, Missionary at Oxford, Chenango county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county.

The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Minister of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.

The Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York.

The Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Deacon, Missionary at Binghampton, Broome county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Asahel Davis, Deacon, residing in Albany.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, Deacon, residing in Mamaroneck, West Chester county

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, in Albany and Greene counties.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary in Onondaga county, and counties adjacent.

The Rev. John Grigg, jun., Deacon, residing in New York.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Hammel, residing in New York.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county.

The Rev. David Huntington, Rector of St. John's Church, Delhi, and Minister of St. Peter's Church, Waterville, Delaware county.

The Rev. Nathaniel Huse, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Paris, Oneida county.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Professor of Biblical Learning in the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New York.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary in Washington county.

The Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island.

The Rev. Cave Jones, residing in New York.

The Rev. Ravaud Kearny, Minister of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, and Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. Charles M'Cabe, Deacon, officiating in St. James' Church, Milton, Saratoga county.

The Rev. Daniel M'Donald, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. John M'Vickar, Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy, in Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Jas. Montgomery, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, including Trinity Chapel, Staten Island.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego and Chenango counties.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary in Seneca and Ontario counties.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D., Minister of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long Island.

The Rev. George Otis, Deacon, Waddington and Madrid, St. Lawrence county.

The Rev. Amos Pardee, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pénéveyre, Rector of St. Esprit, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Phinney, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county.

The Rev. William Powell, residing at Bloomingdale, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Long Island.

The Rev. Henry M. Shaw, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county.

The Rev. Lucius Smith, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Auburn, Cayuga county.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Minister of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties.

The Rev. Samuel H. Turner, Professor of Historic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New York.

The Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.

The Rev. Frederick Vanhorne, residing at Coldenham, Orange county.

The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario, and adjacent counties.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Minister of Christ Church, North Hempstead, Long Island.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rector of Zion Church, Butternutts, and Missionary in other parts of Otsego county.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester.

The Rev. Samuel Nicholls, Deacon, residing in Connecticut, officiates every second Sunday in St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, West Chester county.

Mr. Eleazar Williams, a young man of Indian extraction, a candidate for Holy Orders, is licensed by the Bishop as a Lay Reader and Catechist, to officiate in the Mohawk language, in St. Peter's Church, Oneida Castle, Oneida county, the congregation of which is composed of Indians; and employed by the Committee for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York in those capacities, and likewise as a Schoolmaster among the Indians.

Peter Williams, jun., a coloured man, a candidate for Orders, is licensed by the Bishop as a Lay Reader and Catechist, to officiate when no clergyman is present, in St. Philip's Church, New York, the congregation of which is composed of coloured members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.





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